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Pisano Sworn-In As New Fire Chief At Ceremony

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It became official in a small ceremony in the Mayor's Conference Room on Monday, September 12th.

After over a year heading up the Fire Department as provisional chief, David Pisano was sworn in as the new chief of the Agawam Fire Department.

As his wife, Donna, son, David, and parents, Larry and Tisha Pisano, looked on, Pisano swore to uphold the constitutions of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to discharge his duties as fire chief to the best of his abilities.

After accepting congratulations from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Pisano bowed to the repeated calls for a speech from the gathered Town Councilors, Town Hall department heads, and firefighting colleagues.

"They say it's lonely at the top, but how can that be? I have so many friends here. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you in the new fire station. We'll have this (celebration) again in the new fire station," Pisano said.

"How are you going to top this?" Town Council President James Taylor joked. "A new promotion, a new fire engine, and a new fire station all in one year!"

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On Proposed Casino... Riverside Says Traffic Pattern Looks Good

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

According to a traffic study commissioned by Riverside Park and the Lady Luck Gaming Corporation of Las Vegas, Nevada, the traffic generated by the proposed River Belle II entertainment project would be well within the current roadway capacities and would not create significant traffic problems in Agawam.

At a press conference held on Thursday, September 8th, Ed Carroll, president of Riverside Park, officially opened an information center at 517 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, so that residents of Agawam would have the opportunity to learn more about the proposal to build a riverboat casino and hotel complex adjacent to the amusement park.

Town residents will decide, in a non-binding referendum, on November 8th whether or not a casino should be permitted at Riverside. At Carroll's request, Town Council received the state's approval for placing the item on the ballot.

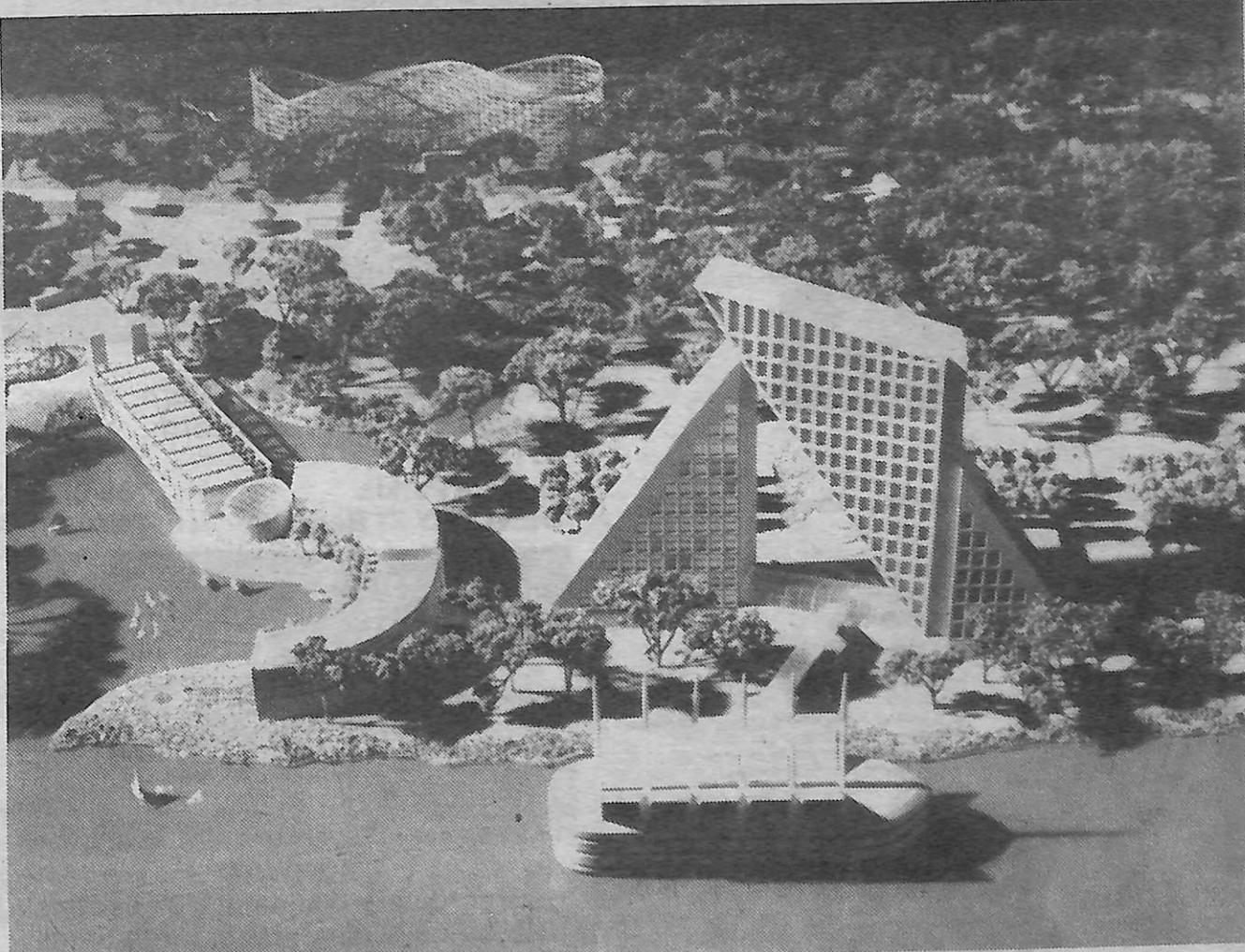
Equivalent To Supermarket Traffic

Prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) of Watertown, Massachusetts, the report concludes that the amount of traffic generated by casino patrons would be equivalent to the traffic generated by a large supermarket.

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ALL SMILES following a swearing-in ceremony at Town Hall on Monday are new Fire Chief David Pisano, Donna Pisano, the chief's wife, and David Pisano, Jr. (son). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING of the proposed River Belle II casino, hotel, and entertainment project at Riverside Park can be seen at the Riverside Information Center at 517 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.



HAIL TO THE CHIEF - from left - Town Council President James D. Taylor, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Fire Chief and Mrs David Pisano, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pisano (chief's parents). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PISANO - from Page 1...

17-Year Veteran

A veteran of 17 years as an Agawam firefighter, Pisano earned an associate's degree in the fire science program at Springfield Technical Community College. Appointed a deputy chief in 1985, Pisano assumed the duties of chief in June 1993 when former Chief Russell Jenks retired.

Johnson said he chose Pisano for the position out of a field of three Agawam firefighters who had passed the Civil Service exam to qualify for the post. In addition to Pisano, two lieutenants were interviewed for the job.

Johnson said Pisano's work as a deputy chief for over five years left him qualified for the position.

"He's very dedicated to making the Agawam Fire Department the best it can be. He's been instrumental in elevating the ambulance service to a paramedic level service," Johnson said.

On the administrative side, Johnson praised Pisano's work as a deputy chief under Jenks. "Rusty (Jenks) believed in teamwork and David was involved in the decision-making process."

Pisano was actively involved in drafting the proposal for a new fire station to serve as the depart-

ment's headquarters. Bonding was approved in July for the \$1.65 million building project and includes the purchase of a \$250,000 fire pump truck.

Located on Main Street adjacent to the Agawam Cemetery, the new fire station is expected to be completed in the fall of 1995.

Pisano said a major part of his job will be working on the fire station project as it goes through the design and construction process. An architect is expected to be commissioned in November and a building committee will be appointed by the Mayor.

Pisano is also turning his attention to work on writing the specifications for the new fire pump truck.

"I have a lot to look forward to. This is going to be a very exciting time for me and I hope I can project that to the whole department and get everyone on board," Pisano said.

Looking ahead, Pisano said one of his long-term goals would be to convince the town administration of the need to begin replacing the Fire Department's aging fleet of vehicles, some approaching 30 years in service.

Pisano spoke with obvious pride in the recent certification of the Fire Department's ambulance



FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BRAIN TRUST - new Fire Chief David Pisano and Deputy Chief Stephen Martin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

service to the level of paramedic care.

With two certified paramedics and 18 emergency medical technicians, the department has been licensed to provide paramedic care in the field.

"We can perform emergency room procedures just about anywhere," Pisano said. "If you can start in the field, you can save a lot of lives."

New Ambulance

This year, Pisano said the department will be purchasing a new ambulance from the revolving ambulance fund. Funds raised through fees for services provided make the ambulance service self-sufficient, he said.

Pisano said his biggest challenge will be upgrading the certification levels of Agawam's firefighters through increased training.

"I'd like to see our Fire Department as the best around," Pisano said.

Dealing with the hazardous materials traveling through town and being used by some businesses in town is another area of major concern to the new chief. As a matter of public safety, Pisano said the handling of hazardous materials is a joint effort of the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

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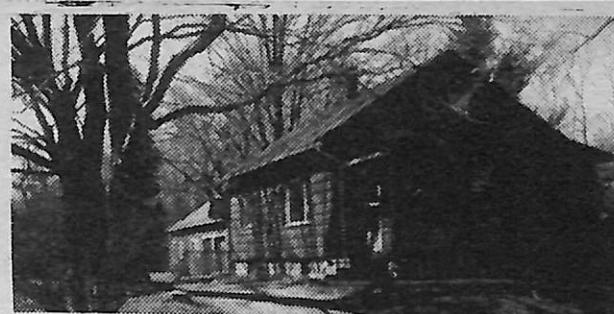


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Dan Keenan On The Issues...

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PROTECTION: Provide Funds For Additional Police Officers, Better Training, & Equipment For Law Enforcement.

PUNISHMENT: Provide Funding For Additional Prisons, Enforce Truth In Sentencing.

"If we can find millions of dollars to fund proposed baseball stadiums and megaplexes, there is no reason we cannot find the funds to fight crime."

Dan Keenan

WELFARE REFORM

DAN KEENAN BELIEVES WE MUST OVERHAUL WELFARE

"I support welfare reform which removes the cash from recipients' hands."

* * No benefits unless recipient is:

- * In School
- * Found Employment
- * In Job Training or Community Service

"We must eliminate welfare as we know it today."

Dan Keenan

CASINO GAMBLING

DAN KEENAN IS PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO GAMBLING

"The issue of Casino Gambling is up to the people of Agawam who will be voting on this issue. I don't believe gambling is the answer to our economic problems."

Dan Keenan

EDUCATION

DAN KEENAN BELIEVES IN QUALITY EDUCATION

- * Opposed To Public Funding To Private Schools
- * Empowering Our Local School Systems

"I will work to ensure quality public education for all."

Dan Keenan

ROUTE 57

DAN KEENAN WILL WORK HARD FOR COMPLETION

- * Dan Keenan Will Fight To Keep Our Tax Dollars In Western Massachusetts So We May Complete This Project

"I will work diligently to see the completion of Route 57."

Dan Keenan

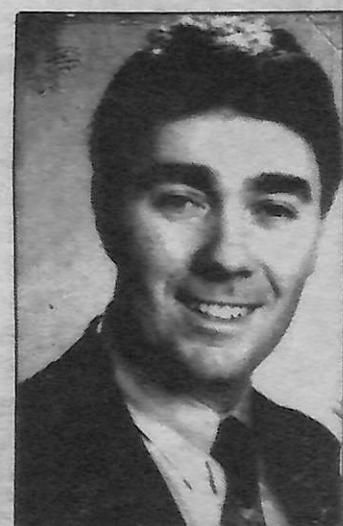
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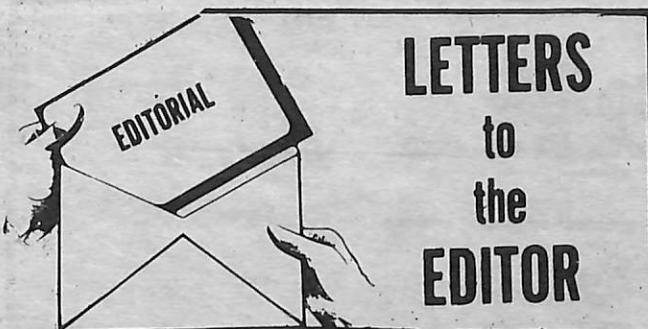
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Melconian Says Deadline For Filing Bills Is December 7th

To The Editor:

I am writing to inform you that the legislative filing deadline for the 1995 legislative session is Wednesday, December 7, 1994.

As your State Senator, I have always worked hard to cultivate a relationship of trust and to foster confidence in the legislative process. During the past year, I have met with many of you, to hear your suggestions and recommendations for ways in which state government can better serve us in Western Massachusetts.

Each year, at this time, I contact local officials, representatives of civic and human service organizations, and members of the business and labor community as well as many other interested and involved citizens in my Senatorial District for their suggestions and recommendations on developing innovative legislation.

Please contact me by Monday, October 24, 1994 with any suggestions you may have for legislation. This will allow me and my staff ample time to review and draft the appropriate language in time to meet the deadline.

Please send the proposals in writing to: Senator Linda J. Melconian, State House, Room 213-B, Boston, MA 02133. If you wish to speak to me in person about any of your ideas or proposals, please set up an appointment through Betty in my District Office before October 24th.

My success in representing a dynamic and diverse constituency has resulted from a continuing dialogue with concerned and insightful people like you who are interested in good public policy. I welcome your valuable input, your suggestions, ideas, and proposals. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,
Linda J. Melconian
State Senator

Taylor Urges Republicans And Independents To Vote Tuesday

To The Editor:

Over the past few weeks, many people have asked me about the upcoming primary on September 20th. One of the most often asked questions is whether or not I am in the primary. The answer is yes.

Even though I have no declared primary opponent, my name will still be on the ballot for State Representative. It will be on the Republican primary ballot along with Bill Weld, Paul Cellucci, and Joe Malone (all of whom also have no primary opponents).

In addition, there are several important contested primary races on the Republican ballot.

I would sincerely appreciate the support and consideration of all registered Republican and Independent voters on September 20th.

Thank you,
James D. Taylor
President, Agawam City Council
and State Representative Candidate

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Liberalism Ruining American Way Of Life As Is Clinton

To The Editor:

We are living in perilous times. Our form of government is rapidly coming to an end because of LIBERALISM (socialism) being forced down our throats. It's time to stand up and yell, "Enough!"

Bill Clinton had done more in the last year and a half to injure democracy than has been done in the past 200 years of our nation. Bill Clinton and his co-president believe in big government doing TO the people instead of government OF and BY the people. The Clintons and their accomplices in Congress, such as Rich Neal and Ted Kennedy, have got to go. We must take back our governments, and ballots are the preferred method.

People don't seem to care about anything until it directly affects them or until a right is lost (then they become concerned). Gun control has nothing to do with crime control or a health care crisis, as the Clintons and their friends would have you believe—it only has to do with FREEDOM.

Thomas Jefferson said, "No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms. The strongest reason for a people to retain their right to keep and bear arms is as a last resort to protect themselves against TYRANNY in government."

Samuel Adams said, "The Constitution shall NEVER be construed to authorize Congress to prevent people of the United States, who are peaceable, from keeping arms."

What are the Clintons, Janet Reno, Ted Kennedy, Chuck Schummer, Joe Biden, Howie Metzenbaum, and Sarah Brady planning for us? For evil to triumph, it is necessary only for good men to do NOTHING. Either do something and pay the consequences, or do nothing and pay the consequences ... it's your choice.

The time is now and we must send a strong message to Slick Willie Clinton and his Friends. We have had enough: respect the Constitution and "We the People," or suffer our wrath.

If you love America and own guns, you must register to vote and get all your family and friends to register; then, get out and vote for our friends and against our enemies. It takes five minutes to register to vote, does not cost anything, is painless, and is an absolute necessity in order to protect your rights. It's now or never...

Our friends include:

Third Hampden District: Jim Taylor, who has been endorsed by the N.R.A. and GOAL. George Bitzas and Dan Keenan are both liberals. George Bitzas is from Greece; therefore, he has no cultural or historical background of gun ownership and is a poor choice to protect your rights. Dan Keenan is a liberal lawyer who supports gun bans and the worthless, just-passed Federal Crime Bill. Liberal lawyers are the ones who are sinking this country; do we need another one in government?

U.S. Representative: John Briere is a gun owner and is dedicated to the Constitution. His opponent, Rich Neal, is one of our worst enemies in Congress and is for sale to the highest bidder.

U.S. Congress: Anyone but Ted Kennedy (step aside, Ted). Lakian is the best choice, but Romney is the GOP choice and, at this time, the stronger candidate.

Attorney General: Guy Carbone is our friend. Scott Harshbarger is the poster child for liberalism.

We need the votes to take control of Congress. They are not responding to our wishes—just the wishes of special interest groups.

Donald E. Loncto
Past President ARC Firearms Inst.
Feeding Hills

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PISANO - from Page 2...

Pisano said he has been working with the School Department to make plans to discourage any repetition of last year's rash of false alarms and bomb scares that plagued the town's schools.

Pisano said false alarms and bomb scares are a serious nuisance and each has to be responded to as if it were the real thing.

"It comes down to prosecuting those responsible. The word has to get out that this is a serious federal offense," Pisano said.

The demands of the job, including being on call 24 hours a day, leave Pisano little time for socializing beyond a weekly bowling league, according to his wife.

"We're very much homebodies. We're very involved with our kids, especially our nine month-old grandson," Mrs. Pisano said.

Later this month, the Pisanos will gather with family, friends, and the firefighters to celebrate the chief's appointment with a disc jockey and buffet at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills.

"I'm very proud of him," Mrs. Pisano said. "He really deserves this. He's worked so hard."

A lifelong resident of Agawam, Pisano has four children ranging in age from 17 to 22.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of J.R.S. REALTY which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-2, Paragraph B and in conformance of Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the conversion of an existing structure to a "Drive Thru Restaurant" at the premises identified as 820 SUFFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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Tuesday, September 20th
Agawam Junior Women's Club
At Capt. Charles Leonard House
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Wednesday, September 21st
Program/presentation on "INTERNET"
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TRAFFIC PATTERNS - from Page 1...

"We worked extremely hard on this study and are confident of our analysis and our conclusions that the River Belle II project will not cause traffic problems in town," stated James Fuda, one of the owners of VHB.

The traffic study found that 45 percent of the traffic going to and from the riverboat casino and hotel complex would pass through Connecticut and would have no effect on Agawam.

An average of 200 cars per hour would travel through Agawam to the complex, with 320 and 220 trips expected during the peak times of Friday night and Saturday midday, respectively.

In an interview several days after the release of the traffic study, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said that while the report seemed accurate as far as assessing the present traffic conditions, "The real issue is whether their projections (on the increase in traffic) are accurate."

Johnson said the town's Engineering Department was looking into the assumptions used to arrive at the projected increase in the volume of traffic a casino complex would generate.

Although the casino operation at Foxwoods (Connecticut) is many times larger than the proposed River Belle II project, Johnson said the town would be looking at the traffic data from there in assessing the VHB study. "Ledyard (Foxwoods) is a lot bigger, but we still have to look at the traffic figures proportionately to assess how it (the casino) will affect Agawam," Johnson said.

Johnson said traffic was by far the number one issue raised by the residents who have contacted him to voice their concerns over the casino proposal.

According to the study, minimal roadway improvements would be needed to handle new traffic generated by the casino complex due to the low level of traffic presently existing on Agawam roadways leading to the site.

Carroll said he and his partners are committed to working with the town and the state in the design and implementation of the road improvements recommended by the traffic study. He said casino officials are committed to addressing unforeseen future traffic issues.

"It's just good business to have traffic move smoothly onto the site," Carroll noted.

Recommend Widening Main Street

The report recommends widening Main Street to a three-lane cross section immediately adjacent to the project site at the main driveway at Riverside Park. Further, the main driveway would



CHECKING OUT THE NEW Riverside Park Information Center (about the casino project) at 517 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, with park owner and operator Edward Carroll, Jr., are Town Councilor Thomas Ennis (left) and Police Chief Robert Campbell.

be widened to four lanes and a traffic signal would be installed to move traffic on and off the site with little impact on through traffic on Main Street.

In addition to widening Main Street, the roadway improvements include designated left- and right-turn lanes entering the site.

The roadway improvements will extend along Main Street from the South Street intersection to the signalized intersection at River Road.

The Main Street/River Road intersection will be widened to allow for a southbound left-turn lane and to extend the northbound right-turn lane. The traffic signal equipment presently in place on River Road may have to be replaced or upgraded to allow for coordination with the traffic signals

proposed at the main driveway into the project.

Although he had not had an opportunity for an in-depth study of the traffic report, Police Chief Robert Campbell said he expected the traffic concerns would differ from a special event, such as a concert, where 15,000 to 20,000 cars are attempting to leave at one time.

"Traffic will be spread out over time and dispersed," Campbell predicted.

Campbell said he has received about a dozen calls from residents concerned over crime and traffic problems that might occur as a result of the casino project.

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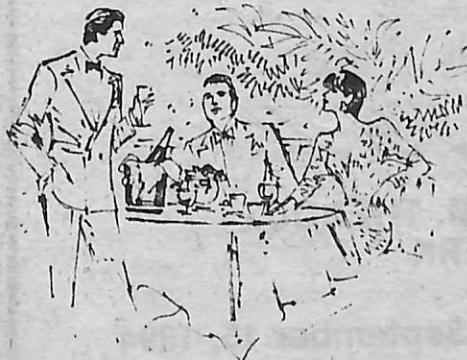
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TRAFFIC PATTERNS - from Page 5...

Awaiting crime and traffic statistics from Ledyard, Ct. where the Foxwoods Casino is located and from the police departments in the Mississippi communities where riverboat casinos operate, Campbell pointed out that the Riverside proposal has limited access because it is located on private property, rather than in the middle of town.

"My experience with the operation at Riverside is they have zero tolerance for problems or troublemakers," Campbell said. "They have never been afraid to hire off-duty policemen to provide security."

Campbell said he was still looking into whether the casino operation would result in the hiring of additional police personnel.

"This is as new to me as to anyone else. I'm still looking into it," Campbell added.

As he has explained at Town Council meetings and in a mailing sent to residents, Carroll said it was necessary to add the \$100 million casino and hotel complex to the amusement park in order to ensure a "level playing field." This is because the Foxwoods casino has announced its intention to build a theme park and plans are in the works for a casino and theme park complex in New Bedford.

Up To 1,500 Permanent Jobs Expected

The casino is expected to provide 1,200 to 1,500 new permanent jobs after completion. In addition to the economic benefits created by the construction of the project, the facility will attract an influx of tourism dollars to the region, Carroll said. With its proposed 800 hotel rooms, the complex is expected to be a vacation destination.

Should the legislature legalize gambling in Massachusetts and approve the siting of a casino in Hampden County, Carroll said he expects the town would receive between \$5 million and \$7 million in additional tax revenue each year from his casino proposal.

"It is our hope that the residents of Agawam share both our concern about the future of Riverside, and our excitement about the benefits this project would bring to our community," Carroll said.

Johnson said he hoped for a large voter turnout to consider "the largest (in terms of dollars) development Agawam has ever seen."

Johnson said he would not be making a statement for or against proposal before the election. "I want the people to make an informed decision and I don't want politics to enter into it," Johnson said.

If the casino proposal is approved by the voters, Johnson said, "We'll do everything we can to make it a reality."

Town residents can visit the information center to inspect a model of the "River Belle II" project and to obtain information relating to the project.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 22, 1994 at 7:45 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Riverside Liquors, Inc. for property located at 1811 Main Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Agawam Town Council Agenda
For Monday, September 21st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 9/6/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-94-22-A Resolution Accepting the Provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 13A and 13C, Allowing the Town of Agawam to Establish Funds to Pay Worker's Compensation Claims (Mayor)(Tabled on 9/6/94).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - (a)
 1. PH-94-13-(TR-94-25)-A Resolution Adopting a Residential Factor of .940654 Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56. (Mayor)(Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
 - (a) Orders
 1. TO-94-45-Voucher List (\$191.79).

WE APPRECIATE those who bring in their copy on Monday. We open at 6:30 a.m.

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SS.

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Greeting:

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 Precinct 2 - Clifford M. Granger School, South Westfield St.
 Precinct 3 - Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street
 Precinct 4 - Agawam Middle School, 100 Main Street
 Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street
 Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street
 Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street

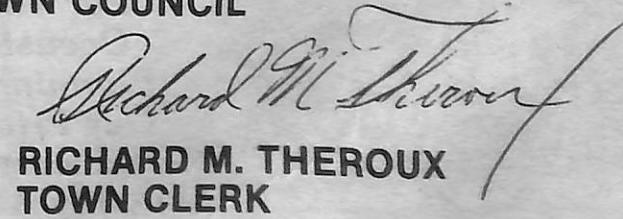
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Published: September 15, 1994

LETTERS - from Page 4...

Concerned Mother Against Casino In Agawam

To The Editor:

As many of the people of Agawam know who I am, they know that family is first in my life. The well-being of this community is next because without a good town, this would have a direct effect on my family.

Riverside Park has asked to hear from the citizens of this community on the issue of a casino. I have to voice strongly my opposition on this matter. I will do whatever I possibly can to educate the community with the statistics of the effect it has on the family lifestyle plus the real cost to the town.

There is nothing to gain from this coming to our town. Ed Carroll and Riverside stated that they had no other choice but to do this because of the Indians. However, if every person and business goes for a quick fix with a form of gambling, they we will have no money left to generate a positive economy.

I would like to state a few facts. First, there are 1.4 million teenage compulsive gamblers that we know of in this country. Second, gambling is the fastest-growing problem, worse than drugs or alcohol. That is correct; we think of drugs and drinking as the biggest problems. They are not!

The problem with gambling is that you do not smell, taste, or really see a problem until it is severe. I am shocked with the comments that I hear throughout this town. We should take a stand and not allow our community to be talked into letting this come into our town.

I was afraid of the impact that it would have on us if it even came to Springfield or nearby. Our hometown of Agawam would be an unsafe community for a family. I am compiling information that I have received from different sources that is shocking.

I do realize that this is hard time; however, a dollar made at a casino is being taken away from most Americans' bills to be paid monthly. There are very few people in this country—let alone Agawam—that have that quantity of money that they can go blow it on gambling.

Our state needs to change the laws of its own lottery. It can run that correctly. The state finally admitted to the fact that it has never given a fine for selling lottery tickets to minors. As a matter of fact, the state does not even think that there is a penalty for breaking this law that it made years ago.

I, as a mother of seven children, a resident of this town for 15 years, co-chair of the Agawam High School P.T.S.O., and a concerned citizen, would like everyone to be aware that I am trying my best to research this. If anyone would like to help or offer information, please feel free to get ahold of me.

After all, we all want what is best for this community of ours. If there are churches, school P.T.O.'s, businesses, and citizens that feel this way, please call me at 786-1982.

A concerned resident,
Joann McGeoghan
75 Christopher Lane
Feeding Hills

Bitzas Campaign Members Are Ignoring The Facts

To The Editor:

Last week's letters by George Bitzas's campaign committee members (claiming Dan Keenan only has ads telling the people of his experience in "taxes and the legal system") were of interest to many of us in Agawam.

First, Mr. Dziardziel and Mrs. Giannini are obviously not aware—or have chosen to ignore the fact—that Dan Keenan went personally to over 4,000 homes (including our own) and discussed issues and voter concerns with town residents. After meeting Dan and learning his views on issues, we decided to work for his campaign, like many other townspeople.

Obviously the Bitzas campaign committee chooses to ignore the fact that both candidates had opportunities to promote their positions (to several unions) both in the newspapers and in person. It was Dan Keenan who received numerous union endorsements while Mr. Bitzas received only one.

Secondly, Mr. Dziardziel obviously chooses to ignore the fact that State Representative is a position in which our elected official will make and vote on "legislation," including our laws and taxes. He will also need to speak eloquently on the floor of the House to defend his position.

The residents of the Third Hampden District deserve leadership by a competent, educated, and experienced individual who won't duck debates on issues, who doesn't come with any strings attached, and who cares about the voters.

We, like thousands of other people from Agawam, have decided that person is DAN KEENAN.

Janis Phaneuf
Noreen Poole
Feeding Hills

Bitzas Only Candidate Who Deserves State Rep Job

To The Editor:

To The Voters Of The Third Hampden District:

The Primary for the Democratic election, September 20th, is nearly upon us. My family and I look forward to this day because it will finally resolve as to who is truly the only deserving candidate to take the next step in November and thereafter.

That person is George Bitzas. I have been an advocate and firm supporter of George Bitzas for a long time because he has earned my respect and admiration. His honesty, integrity, sincerity, and true sense of fair play is a lost trait in today's politics, as you may have noticed.

He is a person who understands the needs of the Third Hampden District community and will be diligent in his efforts to satisfy those needs. George has everyone's best interest at heart, young and old. He has gained the endorsement of several notable organizations and individuals, including the Springfield Union News, United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Hampden County Sheriff Michael Ashe, and District Attorney William Bennett.

They believe in George like so many others of us who know how hard he will work on all our behalf and be successful. Please join my family and I in providing that vote of confidence in George by *VOTING FOR GEORGE BITZAS*, Democratic candidate for State Representative, on September 20th.

Sincerely,
Andrew Jorgensen
Agawam

Keenan Has Resorted To Negative Campaign Tactics

To The Editor:

Over the past two weeks, I have noticed that Mr. Keenan has resorted to negative campaign tactics. I am appalled by this type of campaigning.

First, there was the negative ad concerning the debate and second, the anonymous mailing to my house regarding the Tryba article.

As for the debate, it is of my opinion that this could and would split the Democratic Party. This would be detrimental to the party in the long and short run.

Through the whole campaign, George Bitzas has run an above board campaign. He has shown his honesty and integrity while his opponent has tried to smear his good name and reputation. This is why my wife and I are supporting George in his campaign for State Representative of the Third Hampden District.

We urge everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, September 20, 1994 in the Democratic Primary. Vote for the man who has proven to be honest, hard working, and has the integrity to represent us in Boston.

That man is George Bitzas!

Sam Siano
Agawam

Agawam Chamber Called Out On Casino Public Relations

To The Editor:

A significant issue has prompted us to write our first letter to this newspaper. This issue is the public relations campaign that has been initiated to convince Agawam residents that a casino complex located at Riverside Park would be an asset to our community.

We would like to address a small but significant article that appeared in *The Agawam Advertiser News* issue delivered August 26, 1994. In the article, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce announced the results of an initial survey of some, possibly all, of its members regarding their opinion on the proposed casino plans at Riverside Park. It was stated that "Only 11 negative responses were received out of 200 businesses surveyed."

This statement seems innocent until one realizes the deception that may be hidden within. The facts given are incomplete. The misuse of statistical information is commonplace when a group is promoting their agenda and attempting to sway public opinion in their favor. By selectively stating that there were only 11 negative responses out of 200 businesses surveyed, it is implied that 95 percent of the Agawam business community favors locating a casino at Riverside.

We doubt that this is the case. It is not divulged how many of the surveys sent to businesses were actually returned or replied to. If, for instance, only 20 responses were received, it can be interpreted that a majority of Agawam businesses oppose a casino. A very small number of responses may cause one to question the validity of the survey itself.

Another important factor needed to accurately analyze the results of this survey is the format and wording of the inquiries. How a question is asked has great influence on the answer given.

We call on the Agawam Chamber of Commerce to publish the full text of the survey and its complete results. If, as stated in this article, another survey is planned, we expect full disclosure of its content and results. Give the residents of Agawam all the facts and let them make their choice.

Thank you,
Chris & Sue Mastrotorta
Silver Street
Agawam

Candidate Who Refuses Debate Will Have Troubles In Boston

To The Editor:

If a candidate for public office (George Bitzas) is afraid to debate just one person (Dan Keenan), then how on earth can he expect to debate all the members in the House of Representatives if he were to win the election?

David Butch LaBombard
11 Berkshire Avenue
Southwick

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Keenan's Knowledge Of State's Tax System Is Crucial

To The Editor:

Throughout the campaign of my colleague and associate, Dan Keenan, I have chosen to stay in the background, knowing that if he wins, our office will lose a dedicated attorney, but at the same time, our district will gain an immensely qualified representative in Boston.

Dan and I attended Southwick High School together and later Western New England School of Law. Today, we work in the same law firm.

Last week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* (September 8th) carried a letter from a committed member of Dan's opponent. In the letter, Mr. Dziedziel appears to malign the legal system and Dan's extensive experience in tax law. This, I cannot sit back on.

The legal system is predicated on the very same laws that our senators and state representatives create. If Mr. Bitzas is running for state representative, then knowledge of taxes the district is asked to pay, and the ability to present, debate, and pass laws and legislation is not only critical but mandated.

Mr. Dziedziel, your candidate is not running for local office, he is running for a seat in our legislature. This important position dictates the necessity of a truly qualified candidate. I can speak from personal and professional knowledge that the residents of Agawam, Southwick, Tolland, Granville, Blandford, and Russell will be well-represented by Dan Keenan. He understands our tax situation, he understands our concerns, and he understands the importance of laws that make sense.

Dan, we hate to lose you in the office, but we know you will serve your electorate as well as you have served your clients.

Linda Molta-Tetrault
Attorney At Law
in Southwick and Springfield
Partner, Arvanitis, Phelan
& Molta, P.C.
31-year resident of Southwick

Secret Meeting Of Councilors Considered Dirty Politics

To The Editor:

Dan Moraski, a 27-year resident of Agawam who apparently now lives in Florida, wrote a very interesting letter concerning an illegal meeting held by our city councilors.

The meeting which Mr. Moraski wrote about in his letter involved one of the finest public servants that the town of Agawam ever had the pleasure of employing.

Six city councilors made certain that he no longer worked for the town of Agawam. I knew that Mr. Casimir Tryba was let go by the town, but I did not know until I read Mr. Dan Moraski's letter in that edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* that the councilors had a secret meeting.

If someone wanted to get rid of an employee, that is one thing; but when you do it by holding a secret meeting, then that is dirty politics.

As an Agawam resident, I had planned to vote for someone from Agawam in the State Representative's election. But, I will not, under any conditions, vote for any city councilor who was at that secret meeting.

Kenneth R. Krzykowski
37 King Street
Agawam

Debate Between Democrats Would Have Divided Party

To The Editor:

I am glad that there was not a Democratic debate between the two candidates for State Representative from the Third Hampden District.

I feel this would have divided the party. In the last election, the Democratic Committee did not have nor did they ask for a debate between State Senator Linda Melconian and her Democratic opponent, Attorney Newman from West Springfield.

Also, four years ago, the Democratic Committee did not ask for a debate when State Representative Michael Walsh and Mr. Taylor ran for State Representative. Why not? I think it is better for the Democratic Party to be united for the fall election and have a strong candidate against the Republican.

George Bitzas is the one who can win the final election. He is from Agawam, with five years experience in government. He has worked hard for Agawam and he will be a very good State Representative.

Carla R. Tompsett
Feeding Hills

Refusal To Debate Issues Causes Voter To Switch

To The Editor:

In your last edition, a resident of Southwick wrote a letter that caused me to think. I was undecided as to whom to vote for for State Representative until I read that letter.

She had made critical comments about Mr. Keenan's advertisement about Mr. Bitzas' refusal to debate. I had read in the newspapers that Mr. Bitzas refused to debate unless he knew the questions beforehand.

The lady's comments caused me to rethink my decision, which made my decision easy. I have decided to vote for Mr. Keenan. It seems to me that Mr. Keenan is being unfairly criticized because he wants to debate.

Instead of being criticized, Mr. Keenan should be lauded for his willingness to allow us voters to see which candidates are truly knowledgeable and capable of representing us.

Since Mr. Bitzas is unwilling to debate, the lady's criticisms should have been directed at him.

Thank-you,
Rosemarie Brandoli
Agawam

Keenan Best Candidate To Speak For Us In Boston

To The Editor:

I have known Dan Keenan for many years. I have found him to be hardworking, honest, and a man of his word. And in politics in this day and age, these are difficult traits to find. He will represent us in Boston very, very well.

I ask the voters of Agawam to please consider Dan Keenan for state representative on Tuesday, September 20th. I know he is the right choice and I hope the voters will consider joining me in supporting Dan.

Sincerely,
Gary Suffriti
223 Valley Brook Road
Feeding Hills

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Candidates Must Answer Their Attendance At Illegal Meeting

To The Editor:

A letter writer, Dan Moraski, on September 8, 1994, without mentioning the specific incident, spoke about an illegal meeting in which several city councilors were involved.

Mr. Moraski asked City Councilors James Taylor and George Bitzas if they had attended the illegal meeting in which Hampden County Superior Court Judge William Welch determined that the City Councilors "did break an implied covenant of good faith" by holding the illegal meeting.

Since Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bitzas like to talk about Trust, Leadership, and Professionalism in Government, and prefer to ignore the hard questions, let's see if we can answer Mr. Moraski's question. Perhaps we can do it by the numbers...

1. Judge William Welch ruled that a certain number of Agawam City Councilors were involved in an illegal meeting.

2. There are a total of 11 members on the City Council.

3. In order for a meeting to be illegal, it is necessary for six or more City Councilors to attend said meeting.

4. The illegal meeting mentioned in Mr. Moraski's letter involved the elimination of a position held by former employee Casimir Tryba.

5. Following the illegal meeting, the 11 council members were asked to vote on the Tryba matter. The vote was 6-5 to eliminate the position.

6. The City Councilors voting against the proposal were Walter Balboni, Nancy Gravel, Louis Russo, Gary Suffriti, and Joanne Willis. The record will show that none of the five councilors mentioned above attended the illegal meeting.

7. The City Councilors voting in favor of eliminating the position were as follows: George Bitzas, Richard Brindle, Edward Caba, Thomas Ennis, Jessie Fuller, and James Taylor.

I wonder if the numbers add up for City Councilor James Taylor and City Councilor George Bitzas? I also wonder if the numbers will add up for Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bitzas on election day.

John Duni
425 River Road
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LETTERS - from Page 8...

Bitzas Discusses His Political And Professional Experience

To The Editor:

Dear Residents Of The Third Hampden District:

My name is George Bitzas and I am a candidate for State Representative in the Third Hampden District, which has been vacated by Mike Walsh. Mike is a very good friend and a politician whom I strongly supported and with whom I have worked well as an elected official to solve many issues.

I presently serve as the Vice-President of the Agawam City Council, and I have had the pleasure of representing the people of Agawam on the City Council for the past 4½ years. I am very proud of my record of achievements.

I came to the United States from Greece with my elderly mother 25 years ago in search of a better life. I have grown to love this country and to cherish all the rights and freedoms that are guaranteed to every citizen. It has always been my ambition to serve the people in elective office. I believe that my duty as an elected official is to represent constituents in a fair, open, and honest manner, and to be a strong voice for their problems and concerns.

When I first came to this country, I secured a job with Strathmore Paper Company. I was a member of the Paper Union for 10 years. I am a graduate with honors from Westfield State College and Holyoke Community College. I taught in the West Springfield public school system, and I presently serve as the principal at the St. George Cathedral Greek School in Springfield. I am also employed at Hayden Wayside in Enfield. I am married to Peggy Conroy Bitzas, and we have three children who all attend the Agawam public schools.

There are many important issues which face the Commonwealth, and I pledge to work hard to make informed decisions on those issues. On September 20th, there will be a Democratic primary. I am the candidate from the heart of our District and I have the District in my heart.

Thank you for your support, and please remember to vote in the primary next Tuesday, September 20, 1994. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,
George Bitzas
Candidate for State Representative
Third Hampden District

Candidate Keenan Grateful For All Support & Help

To The Editor:

Dear Friends:

As this primary campaign winds down to Election Day on Tuesday, September 20th, I wanted to take a moment to thank you not only for the support you have given me during this campaign, but for your commitment to the communities that make up the Third Hampden District in which we live.

I have been fortunate to have met so many of you who share my concern and belief in our community's commitment to education, safety, and the well-being of all who live here. We truly have a quality of life which is special and needs both nurturing and protecting.

This is why I am asking for your support to become your representative in the State House. I want to join with the many of you who are already working together with your neighbors in offering your time and energies to make our community a better place to live.

I want to add my own contribution to our community by representing the common values we share. I have seen people work together to make this a place we are proud to call home. It is these values which we share that need to be represented in the State House now more than at any other time.

With your help, I know we can make a difference because I see it happen every day here in Western Massachusetts. Please take part in helping me make our concerns and values heard in Boston by supporting me in this Tuesday's Democratic Primary.

Sincerely,
Daniel F. Keenan
State Rep. Candidate
Third Hampden District

Critics Of Keenan Hiding Their Man's Shortcomings

To The Editor:

I was surprised by Chester Dziardziel's critical comments about Dan Keenan's legal ability and his wish to debate all candidates.

Isn't he aware that a State Representative's main function is to make and pass laws? Mr. Dziardziel may be satisfied with George Bitzas's lack of legal knowledge, but I'm not. In fact, if anything, Mr. Bitzas has a record of denying his

constituents their legal rights.

Remember Caz Tryba, the Lallys, and the elderly? I do. What is more surprising of his comments about Dan's legal background is that he and his wife, Vivian Dziardziel, are two of ATTORNEY Chris Johnson's strongest supporters. His criticism of Dan's willingness to debate George Bitzas is every bit as inane as George's insistence on knowing all debate questions in advance.

If we voters are to get a true picture of where the candidates stand and how well they know and can respond to the issues, it is during a head-to-head debate. A candidate who refuses to debate can only be one who is afraid of his lack of knowledge and/or ability being found out by the voters, and shows a lack of character and good sense.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Sherry A. Regnier Velozo
Feeding Hills

Feeding Hills Resident Has Praise For Walsh And Keenan

To The Editor:

With only a few days to go till the primary election, the voters of the Third Hampden District will make their choices to fill the seat being vacated by State Representative Michael P. Walsh.

As a supporter of Mike Walsh, I wish to publicly commend him on his outstanding service to the citizens of the district over the last dozen years. I wish Mike and his wife, Mary, success and much happiness in all their future endeavors.

As a Democratic voter, I urge my fellow Democrats and Independent voters alike to cast their votes for Dan Keenan. Dan is the most qualified candidate to fill Mike's seat, and he has the experience in both the public and private sectors necessary to represent us well in Boston.

Let's continue the tradition of excellent representation we've come to expect - VOTE FOR DAN KEENAN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH!

Sincerely
Jim Nullis
Feeding Hills

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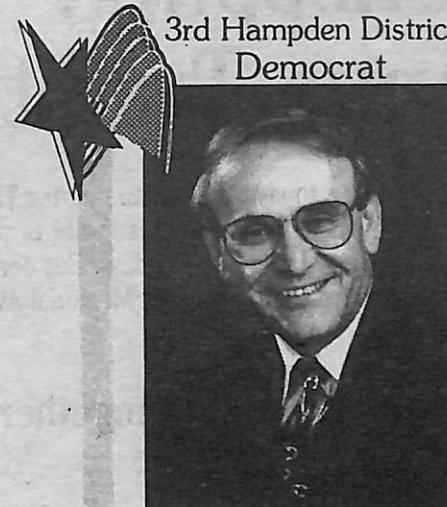


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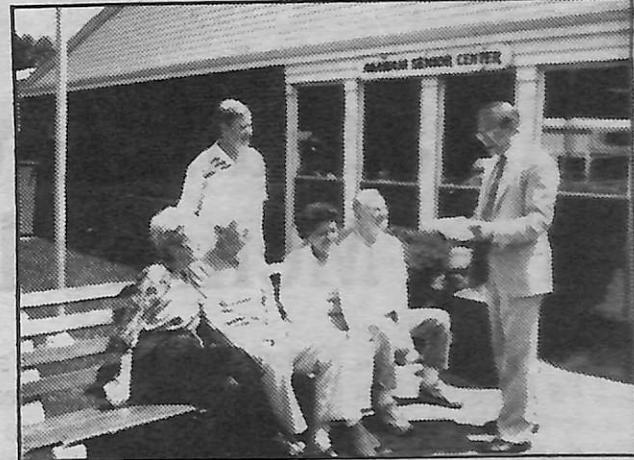


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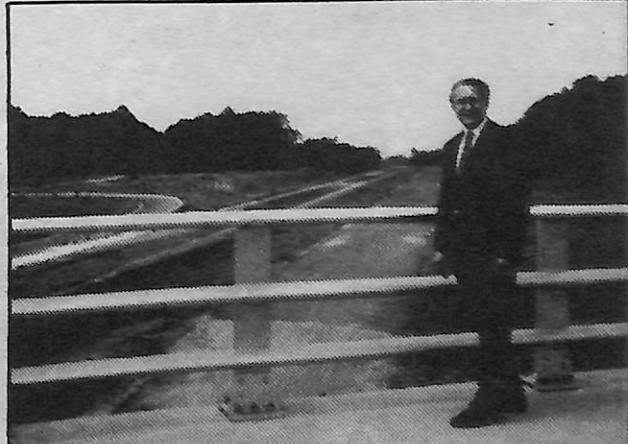
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LETTERS - from Page 9...

Usual Political Garbage Apparent In Campaigns

To The Editor:

The usual political garbage has taken hold over the media lately. The so-called experience of the candidates has taken on the aura of a Holy Synod. The candidates claim they have been the people's benefactors from everything from soup to nuts.

Here's some of the sad state of affairs. Town Council President James Taylor and Vice President George Bitzas, both candidates for state representative, have allowed Mayor Johnson's claim of some \$2 million in insurance savings to go unchecked.

The truth is that the budget has increased, not decreased. Town Council has been warned that the Mayor's claim should be checked. Mr. Bitzas talks about his qualifications and knowledge of government. If so, how come he allowed himself to become allied with the Mayor and Mr. Taylor to squander taxpayers' dollars?

The Mayor has been paying a consultant illegally (who is also in conflict of interest). The Mayor has no funds in the consultant account to pay the consultant. More important, this has come without a vote of the council.

How can the voters be expected to vote for either of these candidates with this scandal operating right under their noses? They do not want to see it. They have been warned but they have ignored the warning. Why?

If they know what is going on and they don't do anything about it, then they are just as responsible as the Mayor. And if they claim they don't know anything about it, then they are admitting they are not qualified to seek the job they are after.

And they still beat their chests and tell us how qualified they are to serve us in Boston. I have warned them about what is going on and they have refused to take any action at all. So, I have filed this case with the state's Inspector General's Office, the State Auditor's Office, and the State Public Records Office.

The old boy and buddy system is quite evident in this latest episode at Town Hall. And this Mayor will look you right in the eye and claim his "New Agawam" is quite different from the past shenanigans of "Old Agawam" (a little slogan he and his followers repeat over and over and over again). Right.

What a lovely little combination of veracity displayed in this election so far.

Valentine R. Moreno
15 Florida Drive
Agawam

The Refusal To Debate Is Not A New Problem Here

To The Editor:

I have observed lately in these columns many protests to the refusal by George Bitzas to debate Dan Keenan unless he first has the opportunity to consider the questions from the public in advance.

Sounds as though he has the same problem his chief mentor, Chris Johnson, has. Chris has a memory which allows him to give a fascinating presentation but catch him offguard and he'll say the first thing that comes into his head. Sometimes, these words are a very big, big stretch.

So, we have a situation where a Republican Mayor backs a Democratic candidate. George, of course, has never varied from supporting the Mayor in anything the Mayor wants.

So, as the Mayor goes Democratic, so I do also—after a 70-year history of voting Republican. However, my vote goes to the man I believe has the brains to follow Mike and not the professional politician's tendency to make promises only to get votes. This last, I believe, is George in a nutshell.

Sincerely,
Walter P. Harrington
Feeding Hills

Agawam GOP Chairman Urges People To Vote

To The Editor:

As chairman of the Agawam Republican City Committee, I would like to remind the voters that there will be a Republican primary on September 20th.

The Republican party has grown tremendously over the last few years and this year is no exception. There are Republican candidates on this year's primary ballot for many elected offices, including U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, and State Representative.

Many of these primary races have two or more candidates seeking the party nomination. Therefore, it is important to support your candidate in the primary so he or she will appear on the November ballot.

I would urge all registered Republicans and independents to exercise their franchise by voting in the Republican primary on Tuesday, September 20, 1994.

Sincerely,
Christian Quatrone, Chairman
Agawam Republican City Committee

"Keening For Keenan" In A Trip To A Successful Election

To The Editor:

A sustained drift toward any trip to success starts with one step:

On a prescribed visit to the local watering hole, my political ally and social advisor, Mr. Billy Burnett, and I decided to admire the various amber-colored liquids and meet with the local intelligentsia.

We were amazed at the positive keenness in regard to the coming election for State Representative in the Third Hampden District. There was a sound decision to support "The Gentleman From Blandford."

He is considered to be an "elitist" with polished oration, with an ability to organize with a ceaseless flow of positive decisions relating to common man and not political thinking to enhance his future.

He has not been affected by the toxic political environment from Bondi's Island. He is endowed with capabilities to serve his constituents and will not be disturbed by the harbor stench of our imperial capital city.

I have been advised that he also knows where the bus station is located.

Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills

Bitzas Thanks Supporters For Displaying Campaign Signs

To The Editor:
Dear Supporters:

I would like to thank all the people of the Third Hampden District—Agawam, Blandford, Granville, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland—who displayed my signs on their lawns.

I apologize to those whom I was unable to provide signs for due to the demand exceeding the supply. Your support has been overwhelming, for which I am most appreciative. Please be certain to tell all your friends and neighbors to vote at this Primary Election on September 20th because it is very important for us all.

I look forward to being the people's choice to run against the Republican candidate in November, but first I need your support now by voting for me on Tuesday, September 20th.

Thank you,
George Bitzas
Candidate for State Representative
Third Hampden District

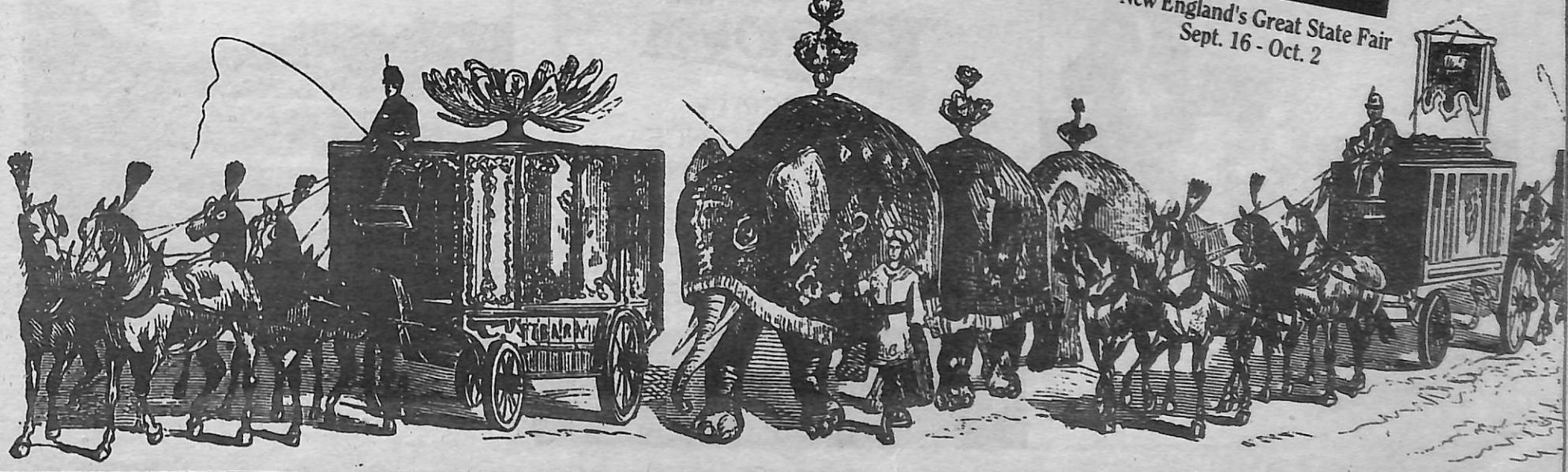
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Letters To The Editor - continued...

Critic Of Keenan Insults Voters Of 3rd District

To The Editor:

This Is An Open Letter To Chester D. Dziardziel:

Your letter suggesting that George Bitzas has refused to debate Dan Keenan because he (Dan Keenan) "has not taken a stand on anything" is an insult to the intelligence of the voters of the Third Hampden District.

Simply put, George Bitzas has turned his back on the debate issue!

However, all is not lost ... George Bitzas has one last chance to redeem himself by informing the voters whether he attended the illegal meeting in which a Superior Court Judge ruled that some members of the City Council "DID BREAK AN IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH" by attending said meeting.

Unlike the debate issue (which seemed to be very complicated for Mr. Bitzas), all he has to do is answer the following question: did you attend the illegal City Council meeting? It is my understanding that six or seven members attended.

I want to make the question very easy for Mr. Bitzas by informing him that the following City Councilors DID NOT attend the illegal meeting: they are Walter Balboni, Louis Russo, Gary Suffriti, and Joanne Willis.

Simply put, the voters need an answer from George Bitzas today!

Christopher M. Puskey
Feeding Hills

Somewhat Taken Aback By News Of Secret Meeting

To The Editor:

As a newcomer to the Town/City of Agawam, I am somewhat taken aback by a Superior Court Judge's announcement that the City Council members held an illegal meeting.

When did the illegal meeting take place? Where did it take place? What was the illegal meeting about, and who were the councilors that attended the meeting?

Susan Phillips
Agawam

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George Bitzas's QUALIFICATIONS



Education

- Graduated from Westfield State College and Holyoke Community College with honors
- Taught at West Springfield Junior and Senior High Schools
- Principal and Teacher at Greek School, St. George Cathedral, Springfield, Mass.
- Instructor of evening course at Westfield State College
- Graduated from Greek Army Academy of Officers
- Served as Second Lieutenant, Greek Army

Community

- Massachusetts American Legion 1992 Outstanding Foreign Born Citizen Award Recipient
- Resident of Agawam for the last 15 years
- Member of the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center
- Senior Center Volunteer
- Member of St. George Cathedral, Springfield, Mass.
- Church Volunteer
- Agawam Beautification Committee Consultant

Government

- Vice-President, Agawam Town Council, 2 years to present
- Agawam Town Councilor, 5 years
- Chairman, License Committee, 3 years
- Member, License Committee, 5 years
- Member, Ordinance Committee, 5 years
- Member, Zoning Review Committee, 5 years
- Member, Budget Review Sub-Committee, 5 years
- Past Member, Agawam Democratic Committee

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Agawam's Bitzas Proves He Is The Best Candidate

To The Editor:

I would like to remind all the voters that Tuesday, September 20th, is primary day for State Representative.

In the Republican party, there is no opposition. In the Democratic party, we have two candidates —George Bitzas, the Agawam City Councilor, and Mr. Keenan from Blandford. The winner of the Democratic primary will face Mr. Taylor in November's general election.

I urge all the Independent and Democratic registered voters to go out and vote for the candidate of their choice.

My personal choice is George Bitzas. He is an Agawam resident who has proven in his last five years as a City Councilor that he is an honest individual, hard-working and dedicated to serving the public and common good. He has exhibited leadership skills in government and integrity.

I'll vote for George because he is experienced, capable, honest, and can be trusted. I ask you to do the same.

Sincerely yours,
Chester R. Dziardziel
Agawam

Reader Claims Public Record Proves Secret Meeting

To The Editor:

In recent weeks, some of your readers have been asking if George Bitzas and Jim Taylor attended an illegal secret meeting with Mayor Johnson. The purpose of the secret meeting was to plan the firing of Town Sanitarian Caz Tryba.

The taped and written records of the ensuing Council meetings give details of that and other secret meetings. The local news media wrote articles which told of that meeting. Further, a judge ruled that the meeting in question did take place.

Therefore, in answer to the question if George attended that meeting, the public record proves that he did.

Sincerely,
Louis Russo
Feeding Hills

Embarrassed & Insulted About Illegal Meeting

To The Editor:

I am insulted and I am embarrassed to learn that some of our city councilors, according to Judge William Welch, attended an illegal meeting. According to a recent letter in the newspaper (September 8, 1994), the judge found that our city councilors broke an implied covenant of good faith by attending the illegal meeting.

I would be mortified if I was to learn that any of these candidates for State Representative actually attended the illegal meeting.

Needless to say, if a Superior Court Judge determined that city councilors were not acting in good faith by attending the illegal meeting, then it becomes every voter's right to know if any of the three candidates for State Representative did in fact attend that illegal meeting.

I trust that Mr. Bitzas and Mr. Taylor have responded to Mr. Moraski's letter that appeared in *The Advertiser News*.

Very truly yours,
Pam Holmes
82 Dogwood Lane
Agawam

Attack Tactics Make Voters Change His Mind For Primary

To The Editor:

It seems to me that one of the candidates for State Representative does nothing but react to the other. It seems to me that one of the candidates does nothing but attack the other. It seems to me that one of the candidates is trying to be like Mike Walsh and not stand up on his own merits and accomplishments.

It seems to me that Dan Keenan is not the man I thought he was. I can no longer support him after what I have seen.

Former supporter,
Bill Dempsey
North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills

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"George Bitzas, Agawam City Councilor, is a caring, hard-working, dedicated person who has served as a public servant with outstanding integrity, honor, and zeal!"

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Sheriff, Hampden County
...

"George stands above all other councilors with his many hours of hard work for the betterment of our town and its people. His dedication and integrity to the issues and causes that he firmly believes in have made him an asset to our community."

Christopher Johnson
Agawam Mayor
Agawam Advertiser News, Sept. 23, 1993

"George Bitzas is hard-working and honest. He has made a solid contribution to his community. I am pleased to lend him my support."

William H. Bennett
District Attorney, Hampden County
...

"George Bitzas is a conscientious, tenacious and hard-working city councilor who always places the needs of the Town of Agawam and its residents on the top of his list of priorities. He is a fighter, a champion for the people and doesn't take no for an answer when it comes to getting things done for the Town of Agawam."

Linda Melconian
State Senator
...

"George is a very honest, conscientious, hard-working and caring person - just the right qualifications to make him a very honest, conscientious, hard-working State Representative. How fortunate we are to have someone with all these necessary attributes!"

Barbara Dunn
Chair, Agawam Democratic Committee/Teacher
...

"From my involvement with him in many youth activities, I know that George cares about this area that he chose to live in and raise a family. He has been good for Agawam and will be good for the entire district."

William T. Walsh, Jr.
Attorney
...

"As your State Representative, I believe that George will continue to serve his constituents with the same integrity he has exhibited during his political career."

Linda Galarneau
Vice Chairperson,
Agawam School Committee
...

LETTERS - from Page 11...

"Old Boy" Politics Being Used By Keenan Camp

To The Editor:

I am very disappointed with the candidate from Blandford, Mr. Keenan, his negative complaints, and anonymous, gossipy letters that I have received.

These are characteristic of the "Old Boy" politics that we have had here in Agawam. We as a community have worked hard to get rid of these kind of politicians in the past few years, and we don't want to go back to it.

It seems to me that these are the same old politicians that are pushing Mr. Keenan. Look around at the sign locations. Remember who had those locations in the past? Former Councilor Russo.

Isn't that telling you something? It does me.

**Sue & Wayne Hearn
Feeding Hills**

Springfield Newspapers Endorse Bitzas For Rep.

To The Editor:

We were very happy when we read the paper to see that the *Springfield Union News* endorsed Agawam City Council Vice President George Bitzas for State Representative to replace Mike Walsh in the State House.

Mr. Bitzas is a man with principles. As a councilor for five years, he has proven to be a man of integrity who is competent, dedicated, and uses common sense.

He is a strong supporter of education, athletics, the elderly, and the veterans. He is interested in preserving open space and improving the quality of life for our residents.

George, you've got our vote and our endorsement, too.

**Steve & Diane Penna
Feeding Hills**

Secret Meeting Sweeps Town's Business Under Rug

To The Editor:

On the issue of the illegal meeting, I, a resident of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, am shocked that any issue about the well-being of my town should be swept under the rug. I am curious to know which city councilors need to speak in hushed meetings about the future of Agawam.

Are any issues brought up in this meeting really for the good of Agawam? If so, why weren't the people of Agawam notified about them legally?

**Sincerely,
Laura B. Ceter
Feeding Hills**

Old Agawam Politicians Said To Be Pushing Keenan

To The Editor:

I have heard that former Councilor Louis Russo, Wally Moreno, and a few others of the same political group, are pushing the candidate from Blandford, Mr. Keenan, here in our town.

I see now that any location that was Mr. Russo's for a sign is now Mr. Keenan's. It is like Mr. Russo is running again, only under a different name.

I can see clearly what is going on and who is working behind the scenes. I hope you see it, too.

**Laura Harrington
Agawam**

Keenan Is Best Man To Lead Agawam Into Boston

To The Editor:

I've been reading in your newspaper political endorsements for State Representative by unions and elected office holders who cannot vote in Agawam.

One can only wonder why our present State Representative, Michael Walsh, has not endorsed any candidate, including the Agawam candidates to succeed him. Representative Walsh has endorsed other Democratic candidates in other contests.

It leads me to believe that Representative Walsh feels like I do—that DAN KEENAN would ably represent Agawam in the General Court of Massachusetts as our State Representative.

**Anita McNamee
100 Sylvan Lane
Feeding Hills**

Lifelong Resident Supports Keenan's Rep. Candidacy

To The Editor:

I am a lifelong resident of Agawam. I have watched and worked on several Democratic campaigns.

Over the past several weeks, I have had the opportunity to get to know Dan Keenan. I feel he would do an excellent job as our new State Representative. He is well-qualified and has good experience helping people.

In order to ensure that you get your choice, you need to get out and vote in the September 20th primary. The primary is a very important vote.

**Sincerely,
Dave Modzeleski
Agawam**

Bitzas Is Most Qualified For State Rep. Post

To The Editor:

Our most qualified candidate for State Representative from the Third Hampden District is Mr. George Bitzas.

Mr. Bitzas has lived in Agawam with his family for the last 14 years. For the past five years, Mr. Bitzas has served on the Agawam Town Council.

During those five years, Mr. Bitzas has had the opportunity to show the voters of Agawam that he is a caring, hard working, dedicated public servant with outstanding honor and integrity.

Mr. Bitzas has been at every meeting held by the council and always voted on all issues and accomplished many things.

Voted for the town acquisition of Tuckahoe Turf Farm;

Voted in favor of a new fire headquarters;

Voted for the town acquisition of Agawam Country Club for open space;

Petitioned the State Legislature to require beer keg registration to discourage sales to underage patrons;

Voted for an increase in property tax exemption for veterans' organizations in Agawam.

I truly don't see any other Democratic candidate for State Representative from the Third Hampden District with equal or more experience than Mr. Bitzas.

**Ed Ghidoni
Feeding Hills**

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 22, 1994 at 7:30 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Thomas Russo, Jr. for property located on South Street.

**Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission**

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Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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If there were to be a fire in your home tonight, would your family survive? With properly placed and maintained smoke detectors, you increase your chances of survival by 50 percent; in fact, many communities have regulations requiring that at least one smoke detector be installed in homes.

Most residential fire deaths occur between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. This is the time of greatest danger, when people are asleep. The primary killers are smoke and poisonous gases which overcome victims as they sleep.

From the time a fire breaks out, there is a limited amount of time that a person has to escape. With the early warning of a smoke detector, you can be awakened during the early stages of a fire while escape is still possible.

When purchasing smoke detectors for your home, be sure they are labeled by a nationally recognized fire testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).

For minimum protection, smoke detectors should be installed outside of each bedroom or sleeping area. It is also suggested that at least one should be placed on the other levels of your home for additional protection.

Placement of your smoke detector is important. Because smoke rises, the detector should be mounted on the ceiling or high on a wall. If wall-mounted, the top of the detector should be four to 12 inches from the ceiling; a ceiling-mounted detector should be at least four inches from any wall.

Take care to keep the detector away from drafts created by fans or air ducts. Also, if a hallway leading to bedrooms is more than 40-feet long, a detector should be placed at both ends.

Once you've installed your smoke detectors, their maintenance is very important. Your detector should be tested a minimum of once a month by pressing the test button or using smoke.

Replace the batteries according to the manufacturer's recommendations, or at least once a year, using the type of batteries recommended. Because dust and cobwebs can impair the sensitivity of the detector, follow the manufacturer's directions for cleaning.

Properly installed and maintained smoke detectors can provide you and your family with the necessary early warning to escape a home fire. For additional information on the purchase and placement of smoke detectors, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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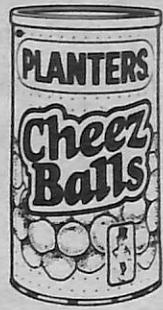


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Campaign '94

Breakfast/Brunch In Southwick For Candidate Keenan

Voters from throughout the Third Hampden District enjoyed a breakfast/brunch at Louie B's Restaurant overlooking Congamond Lake on Sunday, September 11th, and an opportunity to greet Dan Keenan.

Over 150 people attended the function and enjoyed the delicious meal put on by the restaurant over the course of the three-hour event.

Excitement and anticipation of the upcoming primary for Tuesday, September 20th was obvious. Dan Keenan and his wife, Jill, hosted the event.

The Keenan Committee wishes to remind the voters that the Headquarters, located on Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, is open every night from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Bitzas Supports Mortgage System To Benefit Elderly

Democratic State Representative candidate George Bitzas announced his support for a reverse mortgage program which would allow older citizens to remain in their homes and to pay for home care services.

"Nursing home payments are not only bankrupting our Medicaid system, but is forcing thousands of families into poverty," stated Bitzas.

Bitzas continued, "By allowing older citizens to use a reverse mortgage, we not only save Massachusetts millions of dollars in nursing home payments, but we will also allow senior citizens to remain in their homes and be productive members of our community. It has been clearly demonstrated that home care is the best and least costly method of caring for our aged."

Bitzas said he will work with area lending institutions to create a mortgage pool and that he would file legislation to have the Executive Office of Elder Affairs administer the program to ensure that the program is free of abuse.

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STATE REP. CANDIDATE Dan Keenan (back row, center) with campaign supporters at recent function. Back row - Bob Molta and Kathy Sheehan; front row - Janis Phaneuf and Noreen Poole.



STATE REP. CANDIDATE GEORGE BITZAS chats with the elderly in front of the Agawam Senior Center recently.

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Marie Grimaldi Mazza Candidate For Clerk

Attorney Marie Grimaldi Mazza, candidate for Clerk of Courts in Hampden County, released the following press statement:

"As an attorney for 22 years and an Assistant Clerk on Hampden County for 20 years, I have had numerous occasions where I was asked for advice and direction in aiding both attorneys and pro se parties (people who represent themselves), including the newspaper.

"At the present time, notice is posted in the Clerks Office of Superior Court that the office employees are not allowed to give advice or help in filling out forms. I will be available as Clerk of Courts to assist all employees and clients, patrons and attorneys who request information from our staff regarding practices and procedures within our jurisdiction," Mazza said.

"I take this opportunity to challenge all other candidates' background and experience in offering this service to the public. The court system is an awesome experience for all parties involved in a case and a helping hand shall be offered to all who request this of my administration.

"At one point the news media was refused access to the cases that were filed each day as the person who read them and decided whether or not they were public property was not available. I immediately challenged this procedure and waited until after hours to approach the senior sitting judge to discuss the legality of this practice.

"I promised the newspaper that I would have an answer in the morning, as I believed the law to be when a case filed and numbered, then it becomes a public record. After this procedure was set in motion, no one personed judged the complaint and the only exception to this procedure is one whereby a 'motion to impound' accompanies the complaint and then a Superior Court judge is the decision maker.

"Those cases shall be hand carried to a judge and the decision be made forthwith. If the judge decides a hearing is needed, it is to be held either ex parte or with representation from both sides, depending on the judge's decision," Mazza concluded.

Committee To Elect James D. Taylor To Meet September 16th

The Taylor Committee to elect James D. Taylor State Representative will meet Friday, September 16th, at 7:30 p.m. at 707 River Road in Agawam.

Jim Taylor works for you. He hears you. If you have questions concerning local and state government, you may stop by on Committee night.

Mr. Taylor will be available to answer your questions. The Taylor Committee can be reached at 786-0300.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Keenan Candidacy Endorsed By Local Brotherhood Of Electricians

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 7, has endorsed the candidacy of Daniel Keenan (D-Blanford) for state representative from the Third Hampden District in the Tuesday, September 20th Primary.

Douglas W. Bodman, business manager for the IBEW Local 7, said, "Our local union chose to endorse your candidacy due to your stance on issues that directly affect working men and women. Your understanding of issues such as enforcement of the prevailing wage and bid laws, retention of the Blue Laws, restoring workers compensation benefits, and the need for quality jobs in the district, sets you far above the other

candidates.

"The people of the Third Hampden District need a representative who understands that working families want jobs that pay adequate wages and benefits to maintain or better the quality of life they have become accustomed to.

"IBEW Local 7 believes that you understand the needs of working men and women and will work towards fulfilling them," concluded Bodman.

Keenan said he was gratified over this latest endorsement, saying, "Once again working men and women have rallied around my candidacy and I promise that if elected, I will represent them in Boston to the best of my ability."

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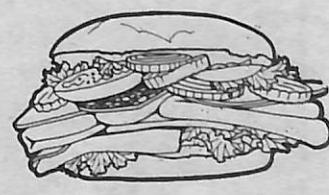


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Bitzas Outlines Stance On Reform Of State's Welfare System

State Representative candidate George Bitzas announced his position on welfare reform in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

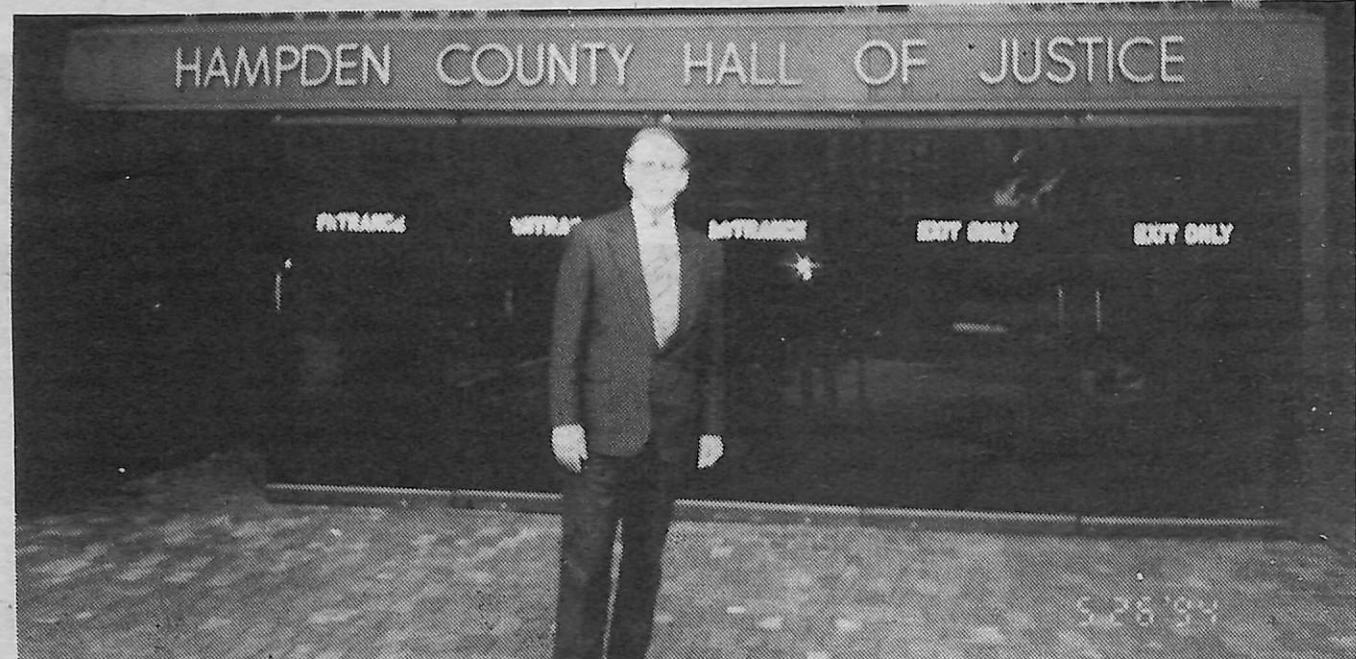
Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Bitzas said, "One of the hottest topics with residents of the Third Hampden District that I've experienced on the campaign trail is welfare reform. Most people believe that the welfare system has lost its focus and is in need of a major overhaul.

“I believe that welfare has transformed from a temporary safety net into a lifelong social assistance program. We need to explore the original intent of the program and modify it to return it to its roots.”

One of the first areas that Bitzas addressed in the welfare system is fraud. George said, "I believe that we must crack down on fraud by imposing severe penalties on violators and providing more investigators. The state recently discovered numerous welfare recipients who were collecting in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire by simply sharing computer records. We must continue to use this simple common sense approach to removing fraud from the system."

Bitzas then went on to talk about the importance of restoring the temporary nature of the system. He said, "We must limit the time people are allowed to collect welfare. We must focus our resources on job training and development, and provide tax incentives to private industry to train and employ welfare recipients. This will end the cycle of dependency that has been created. If private sector employment is not available we must insist that welfare recipients perform community service."

Bitzas concluded by saying, "Massachusetts can no longer be seen as being a favorable state for welfare recipients. It must be seen as a compassionate and caring state which provides training and support to allow people in need to return to work and restore their dignity. Welfare cannot and should not be a way of life, it needs to be a temporary solution to help those in trouble to help themselves."



STATE REP. CANDIDATE George Bitzas in front of the Hampden County Hall Of Justice.

Bitzas Supporter Of Tougher Crime Laws

State Representative candidate George Bitzas recently announced his position on crime and punishment.

Bitzas said, "Crime and its impact on society is the single most important issue facing government today. The wrong people are scared. Instead of criminals being in fear of the justice system, law abiding citizens are in fear of criminals. We need tough legislation and a commitment by every level of government to fight crime."

Bitzas announced several key elements of his tough stance against crime. They include the following:

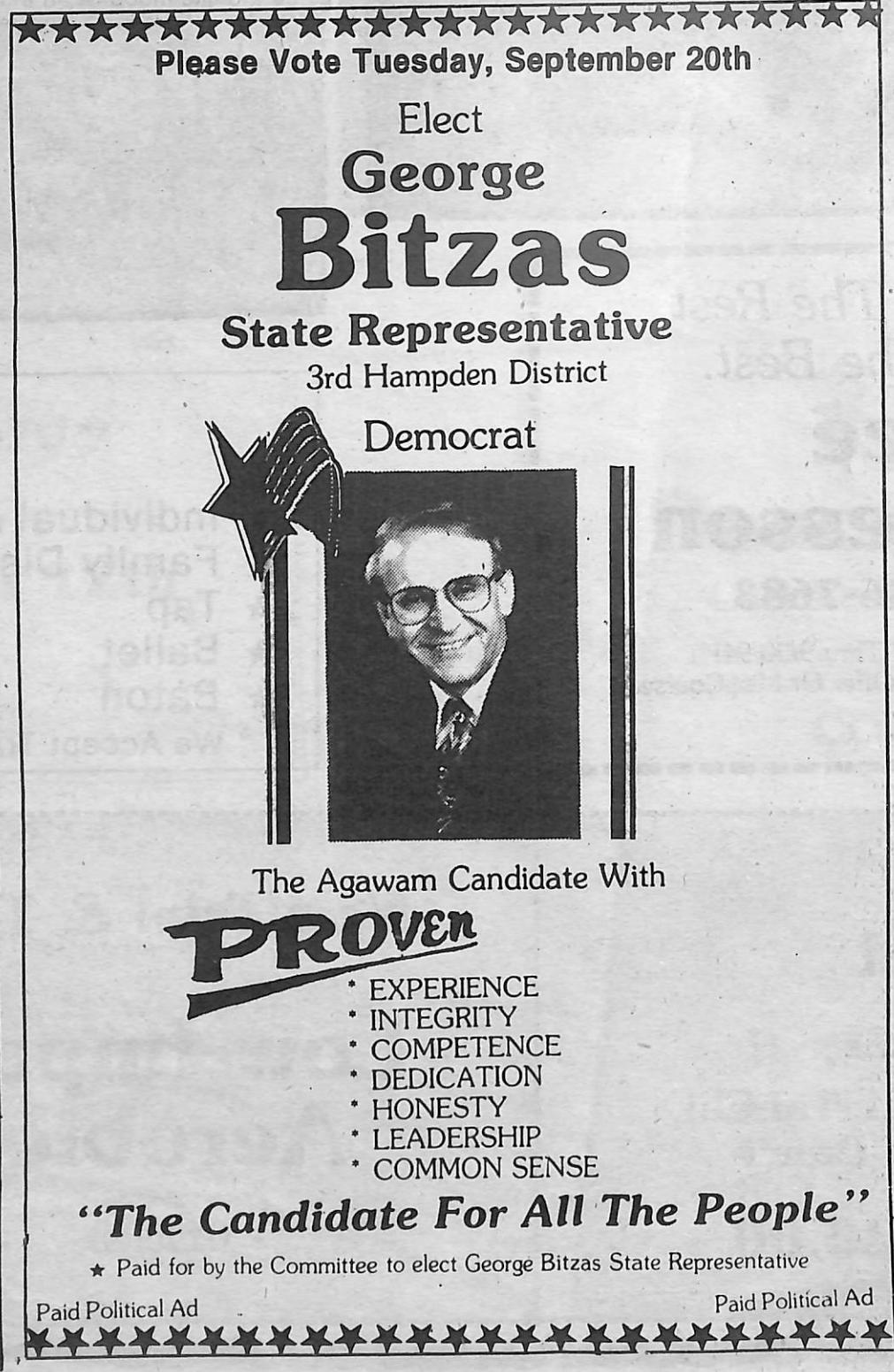
- his strong support of the death penalty (especially in cases of multiple homicide and the killing of law enforcement officers);
- his support of legislation that would postpone the eligibility of convicted felons for parole until they have served at least 80 percent of their sentence;
- his support for a system in which violent felons are given life imprisonment after the commission of three felonies (3 strikes and you're

out);

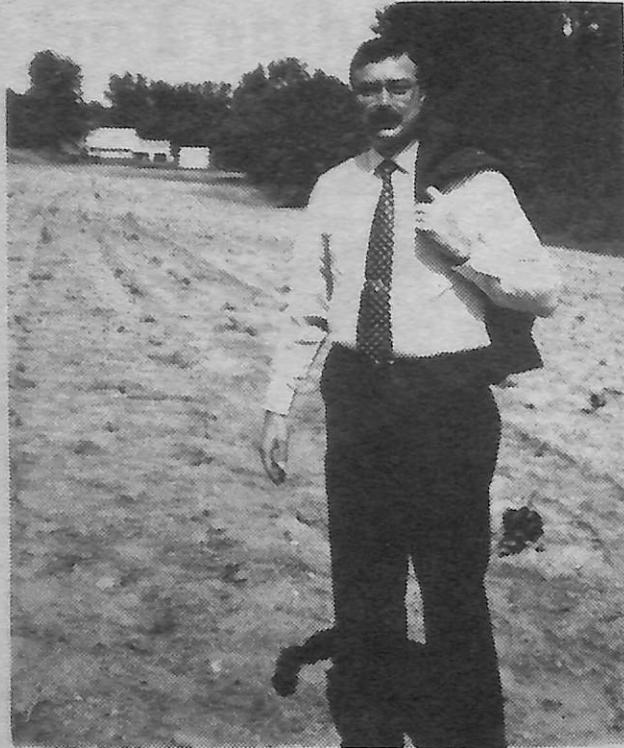
- his support for streamlining the judicial system to allow for more speedy trials;
- his support for the construction of more prison cells to accommodate longer sentences and more rehabilitation programs;
- his continued support for crime prevention programs such as D.A.R.E. and Crime Watch; and
- his support for the state's provision of funding to cities and towns to serve as matching funds under the recently enacted Federal Crime Bill (this will mean more police officers on the

Bitzas concluded by saying, "We must be tough on crime and provide swift and severe punishment for multiple offenders. We must also begin to look closely at our society in an effort to root out the causes of crime today.

"We cannot solely look at punishment as the answer, we need to provide effective drug treatment programs, viable social assistance programs and effective crime prevention programs to fully address this vital issue."



Campaign '94 - continued...



YOU CAN TAKE THE BOY out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy! Council President James D. Taylor is standing on the farm in Feeding Hills where he grew up. Taylor is a proponent of the state's agricultural preservation restriction program that buys development rights to preserve open space.



IN MEMORIAM: Agawam Town Council President James D. Taylor visits the Western Mass. Criminal Justice Training Center Memorial dedicated to law officers killed in the line of duty. Taylor supports reinstating the death penalty for anyone convicted of killing an officer in the line of duty.

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Taylor Says Education Key To Breaking-Up Of State's Current Welfare System

James D. Taylor, State Representative candidate from the Third Hampden District, recently cited education as the key to breaking the cycle of dependency for welfare recipients. In an effort to stop generational dependence on the welfare system, Taylor called for legislation that would require AFDC children to regularly attend school, at the risk of curtailed benefits.

Taylor, who is also the Agawam City Council President, asserted that the so-called Learnfare program, which originated with strong results in Wisconsin, would greatly benefit Massachusetts. The program places students with poor attendance records on probation.

Should these students on probationary status have three **unexcused** absences during any month, their parent's welfare check will be sanctioned for that month in the amount that was allocated for that child.

The Learnfare program also eliminates all

benefits for students who drop out of school. If the child returns to school, benefits will be reinstated. Taylor said, "Ideally, all of the drop-outs would return to school, but if they aren't going to do that, then they should be working to support themselves."

Taylor said that the idea of Learnfare is not to punish children, but to help them help themselves. "We would be doing these kids a favor," stated Taylor. "Right now they may not view education as the means of becoming financially independent, but we all know it's true. How are they ever going to get off welfare if they don't get their high school diploma?"

"The current welfare system rewards the wrong behavior," said Taylor as he pledged to work toward passing Learnfare legislation if elected on November 8th.

The Third Hampden District includes the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Granville, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland.

State Rep. Candidate Taylor Calls For Reinstatement Of The Death Penalty

State Representative candidate James D. Taylor has stated his strong support for reinstating the death penalty in Massachusetts, especially for the murder of a police officer in the line of duty.

"The death penalty is not supposed to be a deterrent to the next criminal; it's supposed to be a punishment for the criminal who in convicted of murder or other serious violent crime," said Taylor. "If there's any deterrent, it's because the criminal executed will never be able to kill again."

Taylor cited the recent murder of a state trooper by a killer on parole. "Our catch-and-release criminal justice system puts police officers and the public at risk every day," he said. In February of this year, the Paxton police chief was killed by a convicted felon on an early-release program.

Taylor said that modern technology has reduced the likelihood of an innocent person being executed. "Forensics and investigative procedures

have advanced tremendously since 1947, when the last execution took place in Massachusetts," he said.

"It's ridiculous," Taylor said. "Many repeat killers have criminal records as thick as a phone book, and the system just turns them loose to prey on us again."

Taylor said he supports the Massachusetts Police Association's call for the death penalty and said, "If I am elected the next State Representative from this district, you can be sure I will do everything in my power to reinstate the death penalty."

Taylor served as a reserve, auxiliary, and full-time police officer in Agawam from 1975 to 1986. He is now the Agawam City Council President.

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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE KATE ROSS

Kate Ross Seeks Congressional Seat In 2nd District

Kate Ross, a businesswoman who lives in Northampton, has announced her candidacy for U.S. Congress in the Second District for the Natural Law Party.

The focus of the Natural Law Party is "prevention-oriented government." Mrs. Ross said, "Government today has been reduced to crisis management - putting out fires after they have reached the crisis stage."

"I believe that government, like our health care system, should be prevention-oriented. I will support proven prevention programs that can immediately reduce problems of rising crime, spiraling health care costs, and a deteriorating quality of life in our cities and towns."

"These programs can also prevent such problems from arising in the future. Many of these programs have been field tested extensively in the private sector for decades and have been documented by hundreds of research studies."

Mrs. Ross and her husband, Barry, have three grown children. She was born and raised in Massachusetts and has lived in Northampton with her husband and father-in-law for the past four years. She graduated from UMass in Boston, has an M.B.A. degree, and currently works in business as a Design and Marketing Consultant.

The Natural Law Party was formed two years ago and quickly became only the third political party in U.S. history, after the Republicans and Democrats, to gain national party status and qualify for Federal matching funds.

In the '92 campaign, the Party was on the ballot in 32 states and had more than 175 candidates. Currently, more than 75 candidates are running for local, state, and Federal office on the Natural Law Party Platform.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of MR. FRANK DeCARO, who is seeking relief from Section 180-55 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a new duplex style structure at the premises identified as 9 EDITHA AVENUE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

Published: September 15, 1994

ADVERTISER NEWS

Keenan Opposes Public Funding For Private School Education

Dan Keenan (D), candidate for State Representative for the Third Hampden District, stated recently that he opposes public funding for private school education. Quality education is the cornerstone in making Massachusetts an attractive place to do business, to live, and to raise a family.

"Our tax dollars support a public school system that is required to provide education to all children," Keenan stated. "Private schools are not required to play by the same rules as public schools. Private schools may pick and choose their students, screening out those students who are more difficult and expensive to educate. They

are not required to provide education to all children.

"If our tax dollars were to support private schools, our public schools would suffer, and our obligation to educate all youth would be hindered. Although all schools are important," Keenan said, "public funding for private schools would create an unbalance in the quality of education of our youth."

Keenan concluded, "All of our children deserve equal access to a quality public education. I will work to ensure that Massachusetts provides quality public education for all children."

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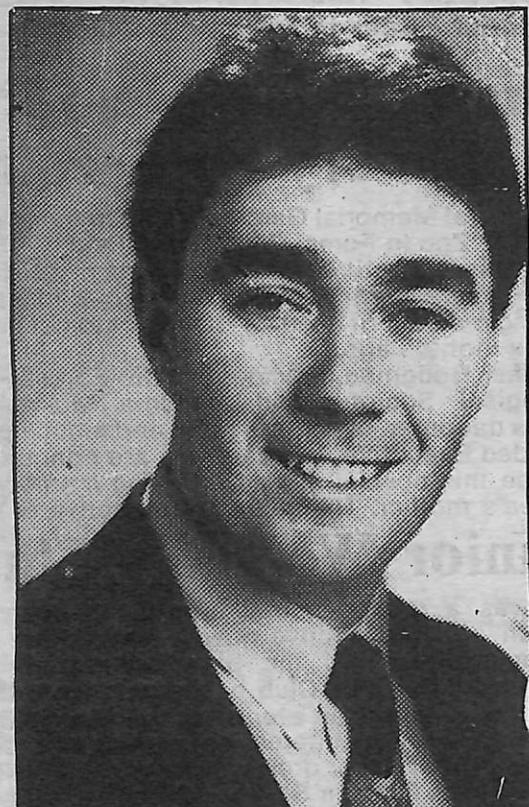
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Laughing Brook Has Many Family Programs In September

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Shine On Harvest Moon: Saturday, September 17th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the Harvest Moon, the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. Rising shortly after sunset, it appears especially large and bright. Learn about some of the myths and legends surrounding the full moon as we enjoy the moonlit walk on the trails.

The fee for this program is: MAS \$5/\$4 (Adult/Child), and \$6/\$5 for the public. Note: This program is designed for children ages six and older in the company of an adult.

WEEKEND ON THE SANCTUARY

The Chemistry of Fall: Sunday, September 18th

Saffron, crimson, and gold are just a few of the colors used to describe New England's autumn leaf colors. Join us at 2:00 p.m. for a family program at no extra cost to sanctuary visitors, and discover what makes leaves turn these splendid colors each year.

This hour-long activity provides an introduction to an area of natural history. Come dressed for the weather as most programs include time outdoors.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Migrations at Fannie Stebbins: Saturday, September 24th, 7:30-10:00 a.m.

As autumn settles into the Connecticut Valley, many of the summer bird species begin their migrations south for the winter. Join us for a morning walk with Helen Bates, as we visit the Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow, which is situated along one of the valley's best flyways, the Connecticut River.

The fee for this program is: MAS \$7, and \$8.50 for the public.

Fishing and Puffing: Saturday, September 24th, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Join us for the fall installment of this popular program, which combines learning to identify birds by their calls, with aerobic walking. Help strengthen your bird identification knowledge and your cardiovascular system at the same time! Directions will be sent upon registration.

The fee for this program is: MAS \$9, and \$11 for the public.

Ferns and Their Haunts: Saturday, September 24th, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Ferns were among the first vascular plants on the planet, evolving nearly 365 years ago. Spend an afternoon with area botanist Deb DeMarey, as we study the fern species found in the area, and learn the secrets of these successful, non-flowering plants.

The fee for this program is: MAS \$4, and \$5 for the public.

NATURAL HISTORY TRIP

Along the Southeast Coast of Maine: 7:30 a.m., Saturday, September 24th, to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, September 25th.

Join three naturalists for a weekend of birding, marine life, and seashore ecology study, photography, and much more along the southeast coast of Maine. We'll visit the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, the Maine Audubon's East Point Sanctuary, Ogunquit's Marginal Way, and more!

Details available by request. Pre-registration is required by September 15th.

The fee for this program, which includes van transportation from Wells, all admission fees, and the talents of the three interpreters, is: MAS \$45, and \$55 for the public.

Annual Senior Dance Slated For November 4th At Senior Center

Plans have been finalized for the FRIENDS/COA Annual Dinner. The event will be held on Friday, November 4th, at the Agawam Center Senior at 68 Meadowbrook Manor.

The Social Hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. by dinner (featuring boneless breast of chicken). Tickets for the event are \$12 and may be obtained from FRIENDS board members, COA members, and at the Agawam Senior Center.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the FRIENDS annual Friendship Award and the Andrew Gallano Award. Both awards will honor recipients for their work or service on behalf of the senior citizens of Agawam.

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FROM LEFT - Andrea Mokrzycki and her two children, Alyse and Philip, are pictured at the memorial garden in memory of Jean Nacewicz Allegro of Feeding Hills, Andrea's mother.

Forest Park's Memorial Garden Established In Memory Of Feeding Hills Resident

A special Memorial Garden has been established at the Zoo in Forest Park, Springfield.

The garden, entitled "Babci's Garden," is in loving memory of Jean Nacewicz Allegro, who was a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills prior to her passing six months ago.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society, said, "Andrea Mokrzycki, Jean's daughter, is our dedicated and most highly regarded Executive Assistant. We are honored to provide this special garden in loving memory of Andrea's mother. The garden is reflective of An-

drea's and her family's love of her mother, and our admiration of Andrea and her family."

Funds have been donated to the Zoological Society by the Polish American Club of Agawam, the Springfield Garden Club, and the many friends and relatives of both Andrea and her mother to help with the beautiful landscaping of the Memorial Garden.

Andrea, her husband, Jim, and their two children, Alyse and Philip, are lifetime residents of Feeding Hills.

Junior Women's Club To Meet Sept. 20th

It was a great summer break! However, all women and prospective new members are encouraged to attend the first meeting of the Ag. Junior Women's Club on September 20th at 7:30 p.m. to help plan events for the new year.

There are several interesting projects to choose from. Our first major project is manning the food booth for the October Soccer Jamboree, followed

by our Santa's Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Baskets. This is only a few of our projects. There are many, many more.

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Polish American Club Planning Craft Fair For October 15th

The Craft Fair Committee of the Polish-American Club has announced that reservations are still being accepted for spaces at their October 15th annual fall event.

For those interested, please call Eleanor at 786-1359 or Janice at 736-3513 as soon as possible.

The fair will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and spaces are \$20 each.

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Emily K. Pirnie Born On August 25th

Brian Pirnie and Kim Nardi of Agawam would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Katherine Pirnie.

Emily was born August 25th. She weighed six pounds, one ounce, and was 20 inches long.

Emily was welcomed home by her 16-month-old brother, Evan.

Her grandparents are Sue Nardi of Agawam, Howard Nardi, and Henry and Diana Pirnie of Springfield.

Agawam AARP To Meet Sept. 26th At Ag. Senior Center

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter No. 4915 of AARP will resume their monthly meetings as of Monday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Guest speaker will be Sergeant Gary Nardi, Safety Officer of the Agawam Police Department. In the near future, Sgt. Nardi will be working with the members of AARP, introducing safety procedures for the seniors of our community.

Are you an AARP member? If you are 50 or over, you are eligible. You belong with us whether you are retired or not. Evening meetings are being planned. Time and place will be announced at a later date.

If you have any questions, please call Jessie Fuller at 789-0657 or Rose Paro at 786-5797.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 19th: BBQ ribs, baked beans, zucchini casserole, oatmeal bread, fresh plum.

Tuesday, September 20th: Golden carrot soup, roast beef sandwich, tossed salad, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday, September 21st: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish (cranberries, apples, oranges), whole wheat bread, blueberry cobbler.

Thursday, September 22nd: Baked chicken leg, potato puffs, cabbage & carrots, pumpernickel bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, September 23rd: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, spinach, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Local Fleet Reserve Asso. To Meet At Westover Sept. 20th

Southwick: The monthly meeting for Fleet Reserve Association Pioneer Valley Branch No. 246 will be September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Pioneer Valley Branch No. 246 meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Consolidate Club, Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee, MA.

Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association is open to eligible men and women of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, active duty or retired.

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Agawam UNICO Holds Annual Chicken BBQ



ENJOYING THEIR CORN ON THE COB at Agawam UNICO's Chicken BBQ last month are John Hollister (top) and Jennifer Hollister (below). RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

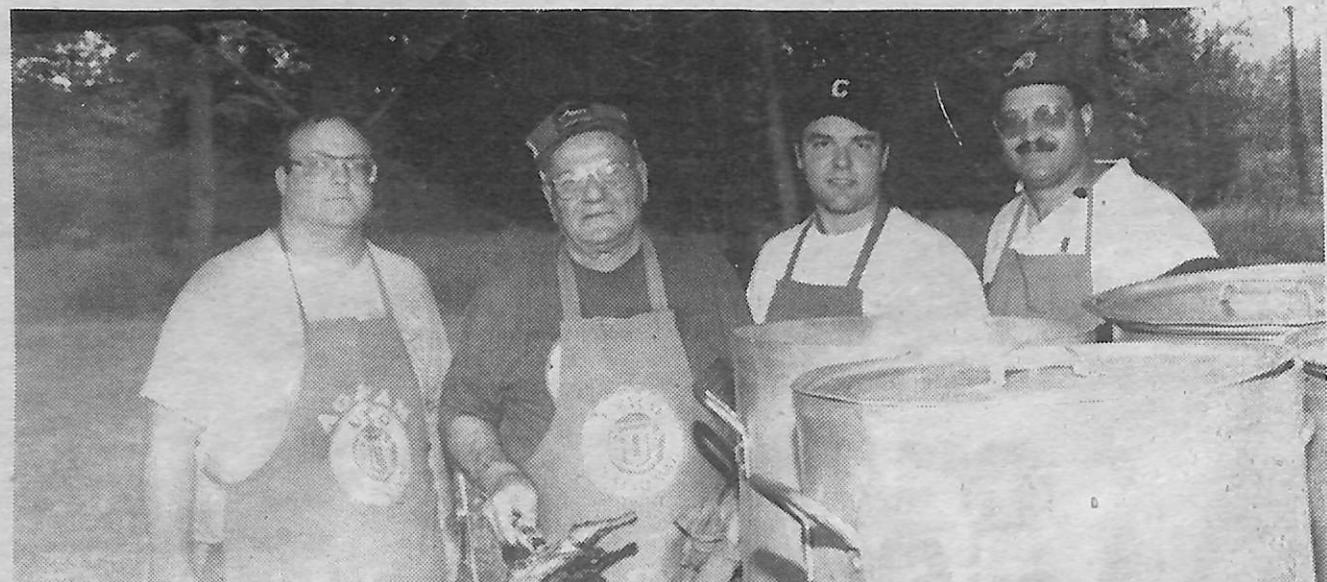


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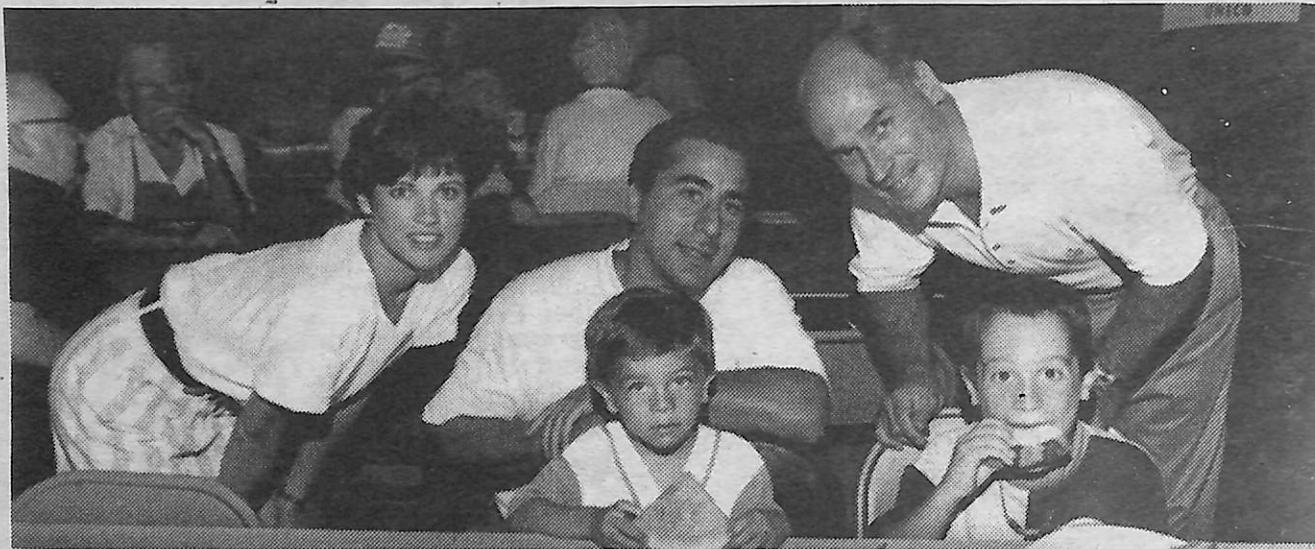
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AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS, from left - Sal Morassi, Jr., John Chriscola, John Albrecht, and Jim Willis were working hard on the grill at the club's Annual Chicken BBQ last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WHILE THE KIDS ENJOY THEIR WATERMELON at last month's Agawam UNICO Chicken BBQ at the Polish Club, parents Lisa & Joe Frigo, and Doug Dryer look on. The kids are Joey Frigo and D.J. Dryer. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Devine.

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AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS, from left - Dick Pisano, Ron Lalancette, Terry Letellier, and Lou Draghetti prepare salad for the hundreds of hungry townspeople who attended the Annual Chicken BBQ last month. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CHRISTINE A. TURCOTTE & JASON M. RISING

Christine A. Turcotte To Wed Mr. Rising

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Turcotte of 15 Alfred Court, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Ann, to Jason Matthew Rising, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Rising of 190 Mapleshade Avenue, East Longmeadow.

Christine is a graduate of Westfield State College with a degree in Elementary Education. She also attended Central Bible College for one year to study Deaf Ministries.

Jason attended Central Bible College, where he studied Preaching and Evangelism. He is currently attending Valley Forge Christian College to pursue a degree in Pastoral and Urban Missions.

A June 1995 wedding is planned.

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This program is sponsored by Chapter 2 of the Golden Age Clubs of Agawam and will take place on Wednesday, September 21st, at 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

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GINA D'AGOSTINO and ALLISON PETERS eat their BBQ chicken at the Annual Agawam UNICO Chicken BBQ last month. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.

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REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the Agawam High School Class of 1934. From left - Adele Swanson Howley, Betty Abrams James, and Bernice Halladay Burton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Swk. Women's Club Sponsoring Fall Fashion Show 9/20

Southwick: Southwick Women's Club will sponsor a fall fashion show Tuesday, September 20th at the Southwick Congregational Church on College Highway.

Fashions will be presented by Fashion Bug and Fashion Bug Plus. Sizes featured will be little girls and sizes six to 60.

A free \$5 coupon and a free pair of pantyhose will be given to each guest. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from club members, or may be purchased at the door. All proceeds will be used for community service projects.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1934 held their 60th class reunion at Storrowton Tavern on August 31st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Class Of 1934 Holds Get-Together For 60th Reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1934 held a get-together to mark its 60th reunion at Storrowton Tavern on Wednesday, August 31st.

There were 16 class members and 10 spouses present, all of whom live in the local area. The party started out on a happy note with a toast to one of the class members and her new husband, the wedding having taken place during the last month.

After the meal, several letters were read from those who live in various sections along the east coast and were unable to attend. Pertaining to those present, the results of the class ballot were read, and this brought on much laughter. It seems that the "Class Woman-Hater" has been married

twice.

Everyone had a chance to talk about his/her family and give highlights of the happenings of the past years. After the awarding of door prizes, there was more conversation, as no one seemed to want to leave and wondered when the next reunion would be.

This 60th high school reunion was called a "Celebration of Survival," as all who attended were happy to be there in good health. This event was planned in less than a month, and the attendees offer this bit of advice to the "younger" classes—"Don't let this event go by without recognizing it."

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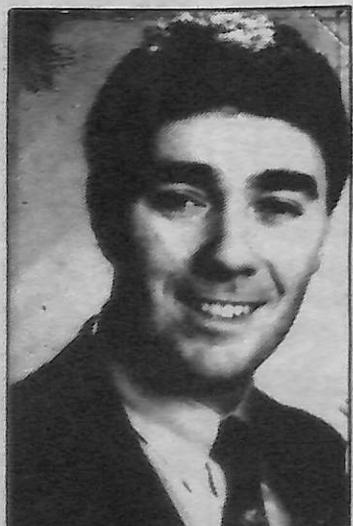


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Agawam Public Library To Host INTERNET Program

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that an INTERNET program/presentation will be held at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, September 21st, at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

We have all heard so much about the INTERNET, but many of us are just learning to use it or have not yet even seen it. The INTERNET has been called the beginning of the telecommunications superhighway and includes information from thousands of individual, governmental, corporate, and university sources. The INTERNET is like an entire world within your computer!

This demonstration will conclude sending e-mail, doing research, and eavesdropping on some spirited discussions. The demonstration will be led by Michael Scantlen, CNE, EE, a Novell Certified NetWare Engineer and database and software designer.

The library will offer two sessions: one at 6:30 p.m. for beginners, and one at 7:30 p.m. for those who have been using the INTERNET already and have more advanced questions. Sign-up is essential because space is limited.

Please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550 to register.

Agawam Women's Club To Begin New Season On Sept. 26th

The Agawam Women's Club will begin its 69th year and the 1994-95 season on Monday, September 26th, with "A Welcoming Tea" in the Baptist Church, Main Street.

The evening's program will be The West Side Tappers. Guests and prospective members are cordially invited to attend.

For further information, please call 786-3091.

Annual Taste Of Italy At Mt. Carmel Church

The third Annual Festival of "The Taste of Italy" will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Auditorium, 36 Margaret Street, Springfield.

Food will be served from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. A variety of your favorite Italian homemade foods from all regions of Italy will please your palate.

Live Italian music will be performed by Enzo Boscarino.

A benefit raffle for parish restoration will take place at 8:00 p.m.

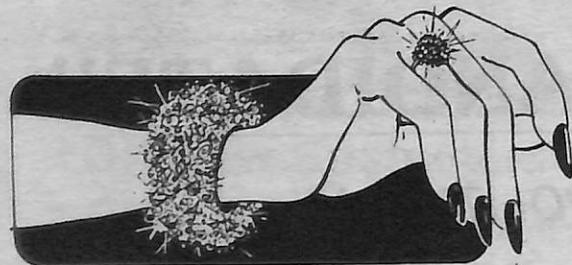
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Stanley Park Again Holding Workshop On Gardening On Saturday, Sept. 17th

Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series will feature special guest speaker Corinne Willard on Saturday, September 17th, in the sheltered pavilion, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Willard will present "History of the Garden Seed Trade," a unique perspective of the garden seed trade of the past. The program includes the history of old seed companies, heirloom seed varieties, and how industry changes through the years. This program is free of charge.

Willard has a B.S. degree in Horticulture from the University of Connecticut, and M.Sc. degree in

Floriculture from Ohio State University, Columbus. Her lifetime so far has been spent in horticultural endeavors, retiring from the presidency of Comstock, Ferre & Co. in 1991.

For 12 years, Willard was the horticultural consultant for the company radio program, "Gardentime" on WTIC. Willard has received numerous honors for her work for horticultural and civic organizations, both locally and nationally.

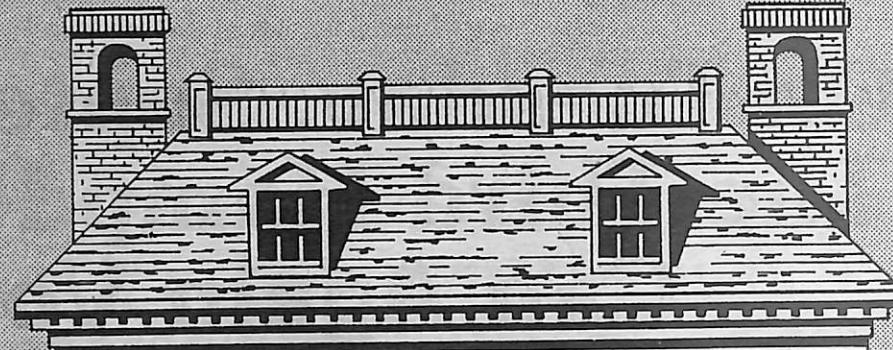
For further information on Stanley Park's Garden Workshop Series, call the Park office at 413-568-9312.

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Agawam Obituaries

Lucilla B. Malloy

Lucilla B. (Betts) Malloy, 89, formerly of Colonial Haven, Agawam, died in a local nursing home. She was formerly a nurse's aide at Maptan Hospital in Boston.

Born and educated in Browns Yard, New Brunswick, she spent most of her life in Boston. She settled in Agawam 12 years ago.

Her husband, Charles L. Malloy, died in 1970.

She leaves a son, Charles L. Jr. of Agawam; a brother, George of New Brunswick; a sister, Mary McCarey of Titusville, Florida; three grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service was conducted at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Boston at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may go to the Heritage Hall East Recreation Department, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Paul F. Jenney

Paul F. Jenney, 85, of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died at home.

He was a realtor and insurance agent for many years and the retired owner of R.P. Jenney Realty.

Born in Holyoke, he was a graduate of the old Central High School in Springfield. He lived more than 40 years in Feeding Hills, and was a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

He was a former president of the Springfield Tennis Club and played in several New England tournaments.

He was a direct descendant of John Henney, who had served as the governor's assistant from 1638-1640, and who built one of the first grist mills in America on Jenney Pond in Plymouth.

His wife, the former Myrtle Gray, died in 1981.

He leaves two sons, Paul E. of Westfield, and David P. of Springfield; a daughter, Cynthia L. Jenney of Miami, Florida; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was private, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Josephine Santaniello

Josephine (Laterra) Santaniello, 81, of 15a Mansion Drive, Agawam, and formerly of Redfern Drive, Longmeadow, died at home.

She worked at the former G. Fox & Co. Department Store in Hartford for 15 years, and retired as a supervisor in the interior decorating workroom in 1975.

Born in Enfield, she was a 1927 graduate of the former A.D. Higgins High School in the Thompsonville section. She settled in Longmeadow in 1950, and was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of its Women's Guild.

She came to Agawam in 1986. She was in the American Association of Retired Persons.

She leaves her husband of 58 years, the former Alfred "Freddie" A. Santaniello; two daughters, Phyllis St. Pierre of Agawam, and Marianna Hurwitz of Palm City, Florida; two brothers, John of North Franklin, CT, and Saverio of Colchester, CT; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Forastiere Funeral Home in Springfield, and the church, with burial at New St. Patrick's Cemetery in Enfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hampshire County Hospice, P.O. Box 1087, Northampton, MA 01061.

Theresa M. Gaioni

Theresa M. (Cressoti) Galoni, 80, of 11 High Meadow Road, Feeding Hills, died in Suffield, Connecticut.

Born in Lake Garde, Verona, Italy, she lived in Southwick for 53 years, and was a communicant of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick.

She also lived in Granville and Holly Hill, Florida, before moving to Feeding Hills in 1982.

Her husband, Savino Gaioni, died in 1983.

She leaves a son, Savino A. Jr. of Suffield; a brother, Charles of Westfield; a sister, Santa Molta of Southwick; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Southwick Funeral

Home and in the church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Alfred L. Montagna

Alfred L. Montagna, 89, of 85 Edgewater Road, Agawam, died in Worcester Memorial Hospital.

He worked at Southworth Paper Co. in West Springfield for 50 years, and retired in 1972 as a superintendent.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, he was a communicant of St. John's Church, and a member of the Victor Emmanuel Society and the Agawam Senior Center.

He was also a member of the American Pulp and Paper Association.

His wife, the former Anna DeLoghia, died in 1982.

He leaves a son, Alfred P. of Sterling; a brother, Dominic of Barboursville, VA; a sister, Frances Fagnini of Feeding Hills; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Viva M. Potter

Viva M. Potter of 29 Cottage Street, Orleans, Vermont, and formerly of 629 Suffield Street, Agawam, died August 19th in a local hospital. She was 97 years-old.

She came to teach in Agawam in the 1920's at the request of the Superintendent of Schools, Marjorie Warden.

She taught for many years in the Agawam school system, retiring in 1967. She moved back to Orleans, Vermont, in July of 1981.

She was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street. She belonged to the Ladies Aid.

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Church News



From the PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Young People: "See You At The Pole"

On Wednesday, September 21, 1994, young people across the country and around the world will be making history, and the youth of Agawam and surrounding communities can join them. On the morning of September 21st, Junior and Senior High students will gather at their school flagpoles to pray, forming what is expected to be the largest youth prayer gathering in history.

This event is called "See You at the Pole" and has been held yearly since 1990. Last September, well over one-million people in every state joined in prayer. Also, youth in Canada, Germany, Moscow's Red Square, Hong Kong, Ecuador, Africa, Belgium, and Australia participated. All of these students prayed for themselves, for their peers, for their families, for their school's faculty

and administrators, and for their respective countries.

"See You at the Pole" is widely supported by many denominations, youth organizations, and Christian leaders. Promotion is coordinated by the National Network of Youth Ministries, but no one organization or church is the sponsor.

There has never been a generation of youth in our history at greater risk, or with greater potential, to lead our nation and world toward positive change. There are already remarkable signs across the country and around the globe that teenagers are ready to take the lead in praying for God's blessing on the universe.

"See You at the Pole" is student-led. But across the country in 1993, adults supported them by meeting in adult groups to pray. Adults gathered across the street from their schools, or at city hall flagpoles, or in churches, or in their homes.

Senior High students: Plan now to gather at the High School flagpole on Wednesday, September 21st, from 7:00 to 7:15 a.m. for this time of prayer with others from your school.

Junior High students: Plan now to gather at the Junior High School flagpole on Wednesday, September 21st, from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. to pray with some of your classmates.

Adults: Let's stand behind our young people as they meet with their peers in prayer by praying for them and with them on Wednesday the 21st.

Further information about "See You at the Pole" may be obtained by calling 786-6133.

"See You at the Pole!"

Valley Community Church Back At BIG E

Valley Community Church will be returning to The Big E again this year.

This year its food concession will be located in the new Food Court Pavilion, which is directly behind the Young Building and right next to Kid-dieland.

It will be opened at 8:00 a.m. when the gates open and close at 7:00 p.m. Valley Community Church will again be serving a full breakfast including eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, ham, homefries, muffins, juice, and coffee.

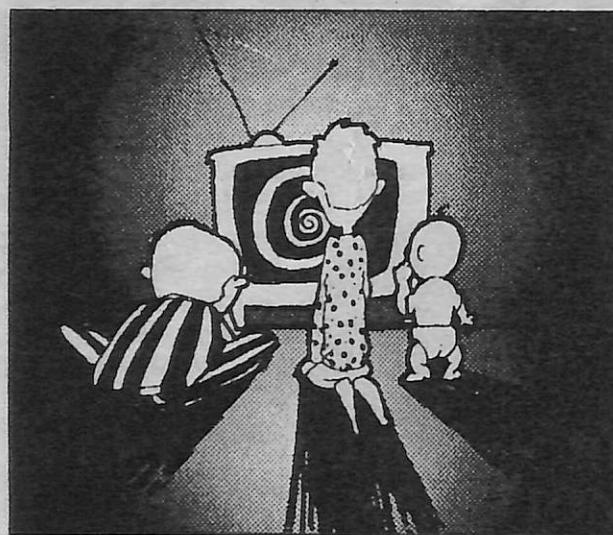
The lunch menu consists of various sand-

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wiches along with hamburgers, hot dogs, kraut dogs, and chili dogs. Full dinners will be served beginning at 4:00 p.m. including turkey, roast beef, baked ravioli, and baked beans and franks.

So take a stop by while you're enjoying The Big E. Each customer is guaranteed a genuine smile and look at true Christian fellowship at work.

REMINDER: Valley Community Church's monthly suppers resume in October. Watch for our upcoming announcements.



Are your children learning values only on Saturday morning?

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Rosary Altar Society To Open 1994-1995 Season In October

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will be holding its first meeting of the 1994-1995 year on Tuesday, October 11th, at 7:30 p.m. The Society's 47th year will begin with the Spiritual Rosary, followed by the installation of new members and Benediction.

The guest speaker for this special occasion will be Fr. Mark Stelzer, who will be joining everyone in attendance for coffee and refreshments immediately following the church service.

An invitation is extended to all women of the parish and their friends. The Rosary Altar Society depends on its members; wouldn't you like to see what it's all about?

Please join the Society and accept the hospitality and friendship that its members are all about.

Sacred Heart Church Is Gearing Up For Holiday Craft Fair

Season's Greetings in September!

Sacred Heart Church would like you to think "Christmas." The Holiday Craft Fair will be held in the Parish Center on Friday, November 18th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and on Saturday, November 19th, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Plan on spending some time with us on this weekend. All work is handcrafted, and refreshments (either homemade or baked) will be offered.

If you are interested in renting a space, please call Pat Melloni at 786-8258 for an application.

Check our classified

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

St. David's is pleased to announce the start of our 1994-95 Sunday School and youth programs.

Our Bible-based Sunday School meets weekly during our 10 a.m. service, offering a Children's worship service and graded classes (pre-K through high school, including First Communion and Confirmation classes.) The teachings are designed to reinforce traditional Christian values and offer positive role models.

In addition to Sunday School, our programs include the following:

- Kids Klub (K-4)
- Jr. Youth Group (5th-8th)
- Sr. Youth Group (9th-12th)
- Cherub, Jr. & Sr. Choirs
- Hobby Club
- Christmas Play
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Church News - continued...



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH is located at the corner of Elm and Main Streets, Agawam Center.

Caring Fellowships Held Each Week At Ag. 1st Baptist Church

Who are the people who worship at the big rambling church on the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam?

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Enter the sanctuary at 9:30 on a Sunday morning and you will find a worship service being led by the Reverend Harold Martin, interim minister. If you have children up to age 11 with you, you will find that they have the opportunity to leave the sanctuary after the children's story for Junior Church, a worship experience geared especially for them, while you listen undisturbed to the morning message. If infants or toddlers are with you, nursery care is available for the entire service.

Following the service, before Church School, the congregation gathers informally in one of the halls for "coffee and conversation," a chance to meet, greet, chat, and catch up on the happenings of friends. Church School, with classes for all ages (children, youth, and adults), begins at 10:45 a.m.

For many, the day of worship and fellowship is over. But for the youth, their special time of learning, sharing, and fellowship comes at 6:00 p.m. Two groups are offered, one for grades five through eight and the other for grades nine through 12. They meet jointly for one Sunday each month and separately other Sundays.

Come, share with us in the love of Jesus Christ and for each other.

Weekly Calendar From Feeding Hills Cong.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week is entitled "With Nothing But Faith."

Sunday School has begun and all children are welcome to join. Church service begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Youth Group is sponsoring a blanket drive for the people on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Winters in that area are very cold, and we need new blankets of any size or type.

Please contact Youth Director Patsy Traficante at 786-5061 if you have a blanket to be picked up or are interested in obtaining a collection box.

Dates to remember:
 September 18th: 10-Plus Youth Group, 2:00 p.m.
 September 20th: Informer deadline.
 September 21st: Music Committee, 6:30 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.; A.A., 8:00 p.m.
 September 24th: All Youth Groups attend Powwow at UMASS.

Agawam Methodist Church Ready With Famous Pies At THE BIG E

Percy Mickey will be chairman again this year. Pies will be made under the direction of Marge Barr and Pauline Mickey (pies are made daily at the church); apple, blueberry, and cherry are the favorites.

Most of the members of the church and the minister are involved in working at the fair. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer, please call Ruth Johnson, 786-1435, who is in charge of personnel.

The choir, under the direction of Love Ashton, has started. All those who are interested are urg-

ed to attend rehearsals at the church on Wednesday evenings.

A bazaar workshop is being held at 7:30 p.m. at the church under the direction of Pauline Mickey.

Baptism will be held on the third Sunday of September at the 9:30 a.m. worship.

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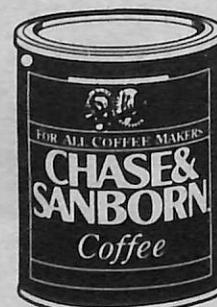
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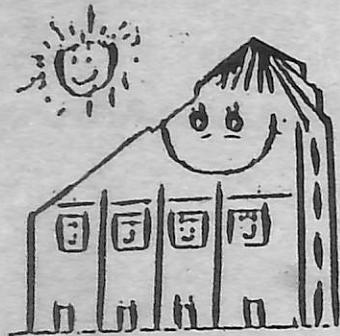
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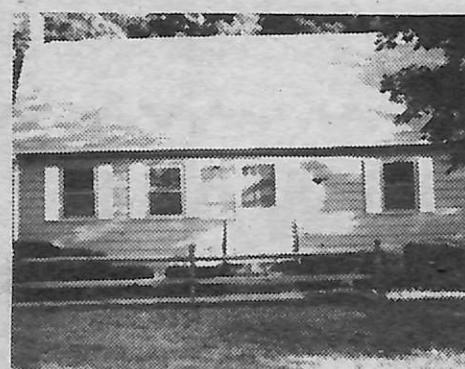
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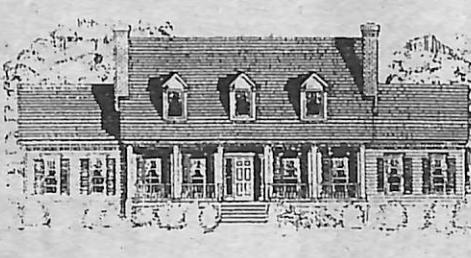
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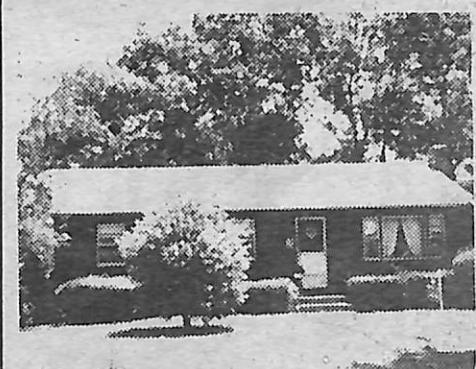
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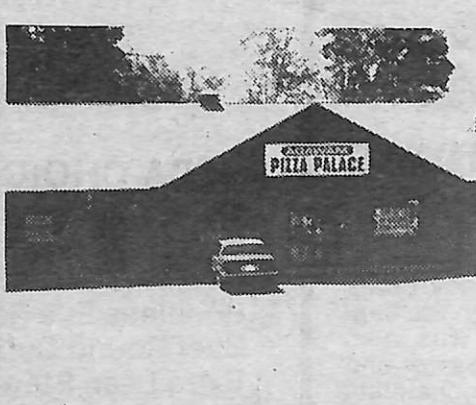
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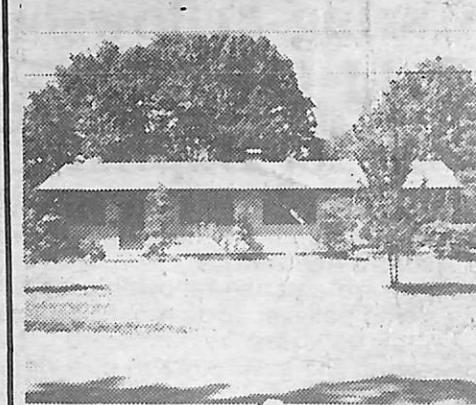
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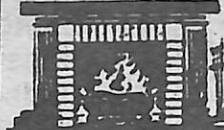
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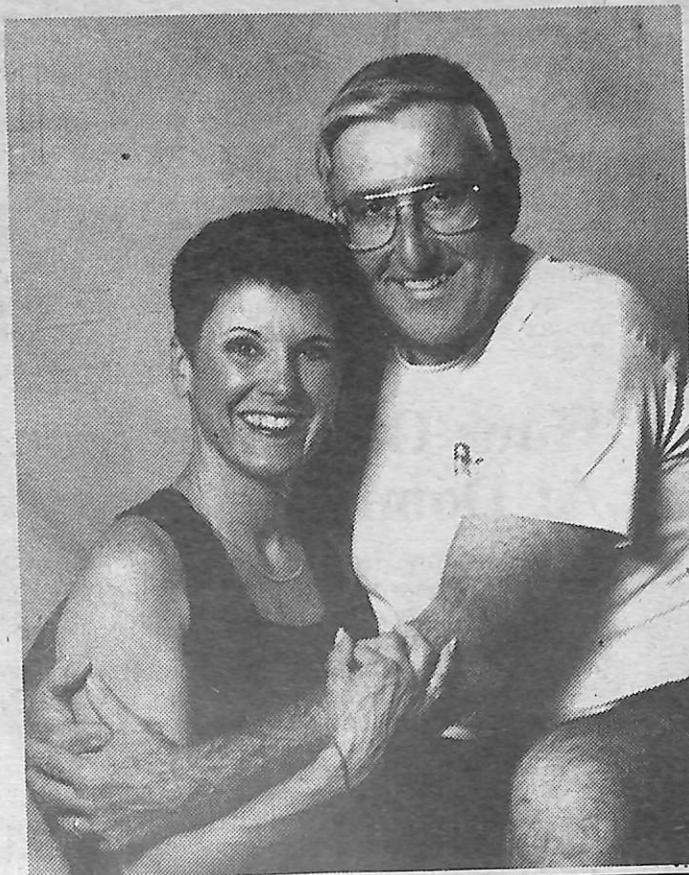
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The second presentation of the Community Medical Update Series will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 7 pm and is entitled, "Options for Shoulder and Arm Injuries." In November, the topic will be on "Options for Knee and Foot Injuries." That Seminar will be held on Tuesday, November 29th at 7 pm.

NANCY DELL'S NUTRITIONAL SEMINARS continue this fall with nutritional guidance and weight loss programs.

The following is Nancy's fall schedule:

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| "Top 10 Ways to Lose Body Fat" | Monday, October 3rd |
| "Balance Your Fat Budget" | Monday, November 7th |
| "Bake to Your Heart's De-Lite" | Monday, December 5th |

Each seminar will begin at 8 pm and is \$2. Seating is limited to 40 people.

THE FITNESS FIRST WELLNESS SERIES will be starting up again in September! "Understanding Your Cholesterol" is the first of our series and will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 7 pm. We will have actual cholesterol screenings and information on what the difference is between HDL and LDL readings. Tuesday, October 25th is our popular "Pre-Ski Conditioning" seminar at 8 pm. We will be discussing Pre-Ski stretching for you as well as conditioning for you and your equipment. On Wednesday, November 16th, we will be bringing back "Don't Let the Holidays Weigh You Down." We'll offer proper menu choice suggestions for parties and for when you dine out. You can have a low fat season if you know how to "work" the food scene!

COLOR IMAGING FOR WOMEN is a special image and wardrobing seminar in October. Nancy Blais, Certified Image Consultant, will be joining us on Tuesday, October 18th, to give tips and ideas on what you can do with your wardrobe, figure and renewed confidence. A few tips Nancy will be discussing are how to rebuild your wardrobe while changing sizes, how season color affects your style and how to avoid accessorizing mistakes. Nancy invites all participants to bring along any article that you just don't know how to wear and she will help you "fix it"!

"MOVING TOWARDS A MORE MOTIVATED LIFESTYLE" is the title of motivational speaker, Debbie Papagno's rejuvenating seminars. Ms. Papagno's invigorating remarks on how you can heighten your self esteem, motivate yourself to attain your goals and rejuvenate your positive attitude will turn your life around! Meet her on at our club on Monday, September 26th at 8 pm for an experience that will (hopefully!) change your life!



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Church News - continued...

Ag. Congregational Church Begins Fall Schedule With Sunday Worship

This Sunday, September 18th, Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will resume its Fall Schedule with Worship at 10:30 a.m.

We will continue our 175th celebration with Guest Preacher Dr. Gabe Fackre, Abbot Professor of Christian Theology at Andover Newton Theological School. Dr. Fackre is co-author with his wife Dorothy of "Christian Basics," a Primer for Pilgrims.

They will attend the 9:15 a.m. Adult Study to meet with students for questions.

Church School begins this Sunday, September 18th. Classes for seventh grade students through adults will meet at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please call the church office, 786-7111. All children welcome!

The Confirmation class begins this Sunday. Any ninth grader or Senior High youth are welcome to attend these classes.

The eight-month program will conclude on

Palm Sunday, April 9th. The class will study their Judeo-Christian roots and traditions. They will visit area congregations to increase their understanding of how their peers and neighbors worship God.

The confirmation class will attend overnight retreats at the Heifer Farm and the Craigville Conference on Cape Cod. The class members will explore their individual relationship to God, as well as how the congregation together serves the needs of people near and around the world.

Playgroup begins Wednesday, September 21st, at 10:00 a.m. The Playgroup meets twice a week during the school year, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is open to all children (infants to five year-olds).

Stop by to chat with other caring adults while your child enjoys special play time. For more information, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

"Giant Harvest Tag Sale" to be held Saturday, October 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Refreshments available.

Jericho Center To Host Five-Part Lecture Series On Catechism

"Celebrating the Catechism of the Catholic Church" will be the year-long focus of a lecture series sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield. From September 1994 to April 1995, five sessions focusing on an introduction and the four pillars (sections) of the catechism will be offered at the Celebration Center at Jericho, Route 5, Holyoke.

The second lecture in this series is "Celebrating Our Creed," which will be offered by Reverend Mark Stelzer on October 12th. Fr. Stelzer is a lecturer and faculty member at the College of Our Lady of the Elms, Chicopee.

For additional information on this series of lectures and how to register, call 732-3175, extension 276.

Hour Of Prayer, Song At Dominican Nuns

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, September 18th at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

Artist Paul Young At Faith Bible Church

Chalk artist Paul Young will be presenting God's Word in a unique manner at the Faith Bible Church on Sunday, September 18th, at 11:00 a.m.

Paul travels the country sharing the Gospel through the means of chalk art. His unique presentation is both entertaining and inspirational. We invite you to join with us this Sunday for this special service.

Faith Bible Church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane.

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More Historical Tidbits About Ag. Congo's 175th Anniversary Year

More history on the Agawam Congregational Church, which is currently celebrating its 175th Anniversary:

On September 2, 1819, the Agawam Congregational Church adopted its Confession of Faith and Covenant. These words of Covenant are as important today as they were 175 years ago, and as they will continue to be in the future:

"We do now, in an everlasting Covenant, give up ourselves to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; we do humbly and penitently ask of God the forgiveness of all our sins of heart and life, through the blood of Christ, and do cordially accept of Jesus Christ as our only Redeemer and Saviour, as he is offered to sinners in the gospel we do likewise solemnly promise

before God, and in the presence of this assembly, that by the help of God's Holy Spirit, we will forsake the vanities of the world, and approve ourselves the true disciples of Jesus Christ in our life and conversation, both towards God and man; and particularly we promise that so long as God continues us in this place, we will walk in communion with this church agreeable to the rules of the gospel, and in all things according to what we do know, or shall know to be our duty."

Signed by Timothy Allyn, Ebenezer Wyman, Calvin Bedortha, Aretas Smith, Sarah Norton, Anna Smith, Eunice Smith, Lydia Bedortha, Eliphilet King, Seth Norton, Elizabeth Leonard, Clarissa Harris, and Eunice Wariner, the original 13 members of the Agawam Congregational Church.

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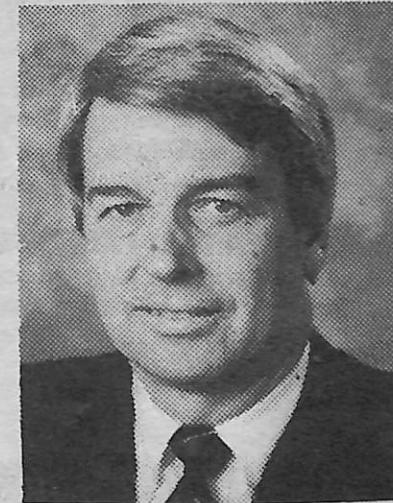
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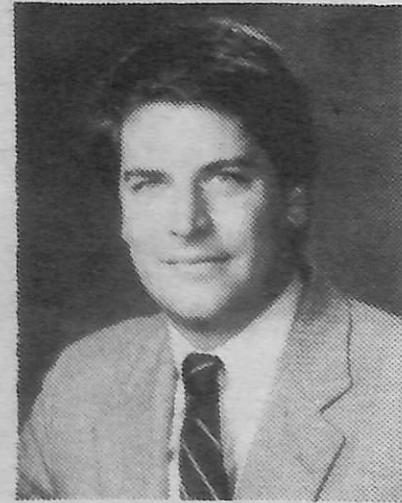
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PRIORITIES

How To Set Them...
Stick To Them...
Change Them

by Raymond Rose

Priorities are the key to managing your time and yourself. Many of us make To Do lists ... but few of us take the time to weigh the items that are on the list for their level of importance and urgency.

Without this critical step of setting priorities, having a To Do list is useless. We may seem to be constantly busy, yet we waste our time away on things that don't bring us closer toward accomplishing our **major/important** goals.

HOW TO SET DAILY PRIORITIES

Make a list of everything you should do tomorrow, complicated or routine ... don't worry about the order or the importance of each task ... just list them all. Now, weigh each task for its relative importance. Ask yourself...

— Which tasks have a high payoff ... ones that will give me the best investment of time and energy?

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RIVERSIDE PARK owner and operator Edward J. Carroll, Jr., recently held a banquet for park owners from all over the country (top photo). IN PHOTO BELOW, Carroll (second from left) is pictured with former employee Robert Harkins, Kate Horner, Ed Connor, and T.C. Freeman (Riverside's director of maintenance.) Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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- Which ones are essential to my goals?
- Which ones are essential to the goals of my family and my business?
- Which ones can only be done by me ... and no one else?

Use this information to number the items on your list number one for top priority, number two for second-highest priority, etc. VERY IMPORTANT ... You must take sufficient time for this critically important step ... if you rush through it, you'll wind up with a To Do list that does not reflect your true priorities.

Also, it's not necessary to split hairs ... don't agonize over if something should be number one or number two ... just make sure that both of these items are towards the very top of your list!

ACTING ON PRIORITIES...SHORT & LONG TERM

Regarding daily priorities, early each morning, review your goals/priorities ... you must start your day with the top priority jobs, and then stick with them! ... otherwise, lower priority tasks will eat you up.

ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS delegate low priority jobs. If you absolutely cannot delegate them, schedule a five to 10-minute break to devote to them. If these smaller tasks take more than 10 minutes, you have to set them aside, and schedule another short term break later on for them.

Set long-range as well as daily priorities. If you know what your long-term goals are, you can make sure that your daily actions are building towards these goals. You will get more satisfaction out of each day ... and you'll be more likely to stick with your plans. To identify long range goals, think about...

- What makes you happy? ... Do you prefer more or less responsibility? What activities (personal and business) bring you the most pleasure? What would you enjoy learning more about?

- Where do your skills lie? ... What do you do better than anyone else?

- What areas need strengthening? ... What important areas have you been avoiding because you have been afraid that you will fail? What skills will you need in order to succeed in those areas? What are the trends? ... Are more and more activities in life becoming computerized? Are you anticipating this?

- Are you getting the cooperation of others? ... Don't be shy about selling others on your priorities. To accomplish this, make sure that others know how important this priority is to you.

On your daily list of priorities, always include items that will move you towards your long-term goals ... and be sure to take action each day. You can't always close the door on all interruptions, but you can find 15 minutes to give some thought to your future ... after all, no one cares more about you than you do.

STARTING AND STICKING WITH PRIORITIES

You will probably never finish every item on your To Do list every day ... that's why it's essential that you do the most important tasks first. Many people fall into the trap of spending most of their time on less important tasks.

These low priority tasks are often easier, or may seem more urgent. THE RESULT ... Projects with a much greater potential payoff are neglected. "Not having enough time" is an avoidable excuse ... and is not acceptable.

EVERYONE has time to complete one small step ... and then another ... and another. The first step is always the hardest, but once started, a project can develop a momentum of its own. You should visualize yourself completing the task ... and the rewards that you will get. Make sure that the rewards are personal and meaningful to you.

Big Shots Visit Riverside Park



AMUSEMENT PARK OWNERS from all over the country recently paid a visit to Riverside Park, hosted by owner and operator Edward J. Carroll, Jr. Chatting with guest Robert Harey are Riveride Park officials Robert Freeman and Robert Munson. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Once you have started, use this visualization technique whenever your motivation lags.

CHANGING YOUR PRIORITIES

Periodically, your needs will change ... and your priorities must change along with them. Something different may be occurring with your family or your place of business ... or maybe you're just feeling overwhelmed!

If you find yourself running in too many different directions, and you feel as though you're being "eatin' up," you must make some changes ... and changing your priorities does not mean that you have failed. Successful people are flexible enough to evaluate what life is all about ... and to adjust their direction accordingly.

TIME-SAVING BASICS

Here's a few of the keys that I use...

- Avoid pessimists ... don't let them into your life ... they will poke holes in your ideas and discourage you from ever trying. "CUT 'EM LOOSE!"

- Turn the TV off ... you'll gain hours of extra time every day/week.

- Fight perfectionism ... anxiety about not doing a PERFECT job keeps many people from doing any job.

- Don't be afraid to make mistakes. If you take the time to think properly ... and you bring things to their logical conclusion, most mistakes can be avoided ... though it's important to remember that mistakes can be useful. They show us what works and what doesn't...so be sure you learn from them.

- Get started ... profit from your mistakes ... move on ... and don't look back!

As you can see, there is great benefit to priority-setting ... regardless if you achieve **every** goal. You learn what you really value ... you develop the ability to take action ... and you build pride in your achievements, which increases your motivation to accomplish even more.

Have a great week!

Editor's Note: In the past, Ray Rose typically wrote his articles relating to the areas of finance and money management. Now, along with continuing to talk about personal finance, he will also focus on self-improvement and other areas that he feels our readers will find important, yet enjoyable, to read.

"I have extended my education and have been able to grasp a tremendous amount of knowledge which has allowed me to become a happier and more productive individual."

"Some of these techniques are so simple to implement," he said. "It's just a matter of changing a few habits. You'll be absolutely shocked at the difference it can make in your life."

In addition, Ray also plans on continuing to share with our readers the many special, money-saving values that he comes across on a daily basis. His Bits & Pieces section will continue to be included with his regular column several times a month.

Ray told us, "I was always being stopped throughout town and told how my articles had helped others save time and money ... or assisted in solving a problem." And we agree. *The Advertiser News* always had great feedback from all of our readers on Ray's column.

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Whether you select a single family home on a private lot, or a condominium or townhouse on a shared lot, purchasing a new residence is a serious decision. As a home shopper, you should weigh the benefits of the various types of housing available to determine which kind of property will best accommodate your needs and lifestyle.

One of the most common types of housing is the single family, detached home. These homes are available in many shapes, sizes and price ranges. Owners of single family, detached homes are responsible for all expenses associated with maintaining both the home and the property on which the home is located — including property taxes, trash collection, water, sewer and other utilities, etc.

More recently, neighborhoods of single family, detached homes have been grouped together in "common-interest subdivisions." Homeowners in these subdivisions are required to abide by a number of covenants, conditions and restrictions, and to share cost of maintaining recreational facilities and common areas.

Condominiums, or "condos" as they more commonly are called, can take many forms. They can be stacked in high-rise complexes, or separated into duplexes or fourplexes, also called "single family, attached homes." The key difference between a single family, detached home and a condo is that when you buy a condo, you are not buying the unit itself.

Instead, you are buying the "air space" in the unit and an undivided interest in the surrounding walls, floors, ceilings, recreational facilities and common areas, which are jointly owned by everyone with an ownership stake in the complex. The expenses of maintaining the structure and common areas is divided up among all owners, who pay a monthly assessment.

Townhouses also can take several different physical forms, but they typically consist of a row of homes attached by at least one common wall. Unlike condominium ownership, many

**Happy 10th
Birthday,
Kelly Curry!**

Love,
Dad, Mom, Liz,
Grams & Baba

townhouses allow for individual ownership of the home and the land on which it is located. Like condominiums, most townhouse developments are maintained through the assessment of a monthly fee or each owner is responsible for their individual owned areas.

The terms "condominium" and "townhouse" often are used interchangeable, so it's important to know exactly what type of residence you are buying and what ownership interest you will have in the property.

With an understanding of the types of homes available, it's important to look at other factors which may influence your purchase decision, such as price and maintenance.

Condominiums and townhouses typically are more affordable than single family, detached homes. They are an attractive option for first-time homebuyers or those looking to "trade down" to a smaller retirement home. The wide availability of condominiums and townhouses in vacation and resort areas also makes them an affordable op-

tion for investors looking for a second home.

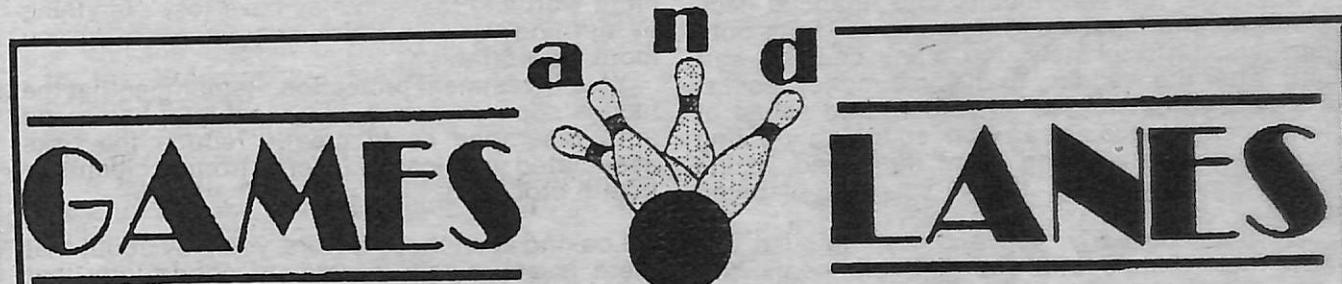
Retirees and "empty nesters" are attracted to condominiums and townhouses because they generally require less property maintenance. So do career-focused singles and couples who prefer to spend their leisure time on the tennis courts, instead of mowing the lawn. If a "low maintenance" lifestyle is important, a condominium or townhouse may be right for you.

By contrast, a single family, detached home appeals to individuals and families who prefer to have and maintain their own property, and who seek the freedom, privacy and spaciousness offered by these residences.

Whether you are a first-time homebuyer, an investor, an empty nester, or looking to "buy-up," a professional real estate agent can help you determine which type of home is right for you.

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Newlyweds And Financial Planning

Disagreements over money can quickly turn the blush of romance into the heat of anger in a new marriage. Single people who are used to making their own decisions about spending and saving money often have difficulty adjusting to another person's philosophy on spending priorities.

Marriage, however, means that financial decisions require input—and agreement—from both partners. Unfortunately, too many couples wait until after the wedding to discuss money issues. It's best to get a clear understanding ahead of time. Ideally, couples can work on their budgeting skills with the wedding event itself and, at the same time, work on their long-term planning goals.

By planning early, you and your spouse will have more time to fulfill your financial goals. You can prepare yourselves for a financially secure future that may include a home, vacations, well-educated children, and comfortable retirement.

Many times, a neutral third party can be very helpful in providing additional perspective. Working with a financial planner, for example, can help you and your spouse identify common goals and work out compromises where goals differ.

The key is "plan." A financial planner can help you assess your current needs, long-term goals and retirement options, and help you adapt or create a plan based on anticipated changes in career, income, family size, needs, and goals.

There is no one set of rules to follow, easy formula to work out, or test to take that will determine exactly how you should handle your finances. A good financial planner, however, will

guide you as you take into account the many aspects of your financial picture. This lets you know where you stand currently so you can develop an individualized course of action to get where you want to be in the future.

Here are some variables that will most likely be considered during the planning process:

Your combined income. What is it now and what do you expect it to be 10 years from now? If you plan to have children, will one of you stay home, thus reducing your total income?

Your goals and schedule for accomplishing them. Are you planning to buy a house in the next five years—before the expense and demands of children—or would you rather rent while you establish your careers? Would you like to travel, finish a college degree, or start saving for a child's college education? Will six or seven percent (taking inflation into account) be a high enough rate of return on your investments, or will it need to be higher to achieve your goals in the time frame allotted?

Your risk comfort level. Are you willing to make high-risk investments, or will you stay awake all night worrying that you may have lost everything by morning? Will lower-risk investments make you more comfortable?

Your investment protection. Remember that the basics such as health, life, disability, home and auto insurance could greatly reduce the risks associated with loss of income from accidents or health problems.

Looking at all these factors, you may doubt that there is any single investment opportunity that could possibly fit all your needs and provide you with the money to reach your goals. You're right; there isn't. That brings us to diversification. Prudent investing requires a balanced portfolio; don't put all of your eggs in one basket. A financial planner can help you diversify your investments, tailoring them to your personality, lifestyle, and goals.

Some final advice: Be committed. A good plan takes commitment and hard work, just like a marriage. A good plan is worthless unless you develop the discipline to implement its recommendations.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 534-3883.



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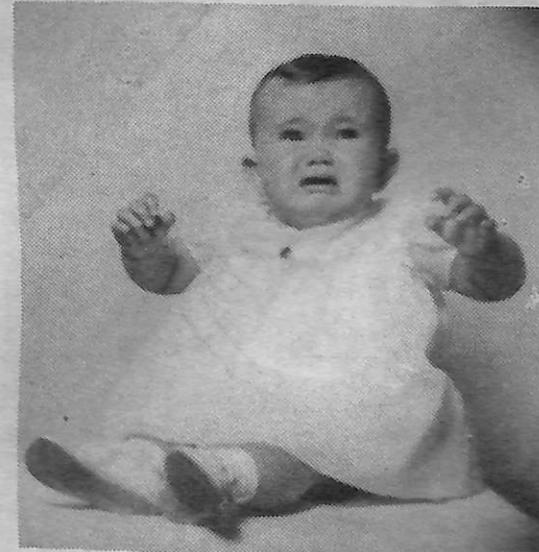
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Mr. McKenzie brings with him 10 years experience in the Real Estate area. Mr. McKenzie, originally from Springfield, now resides in Beekman Place Estates in Agawam center with his wife, Claire, and their daughter, Lauren.

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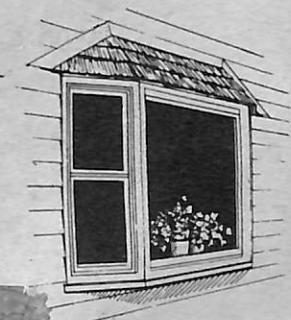


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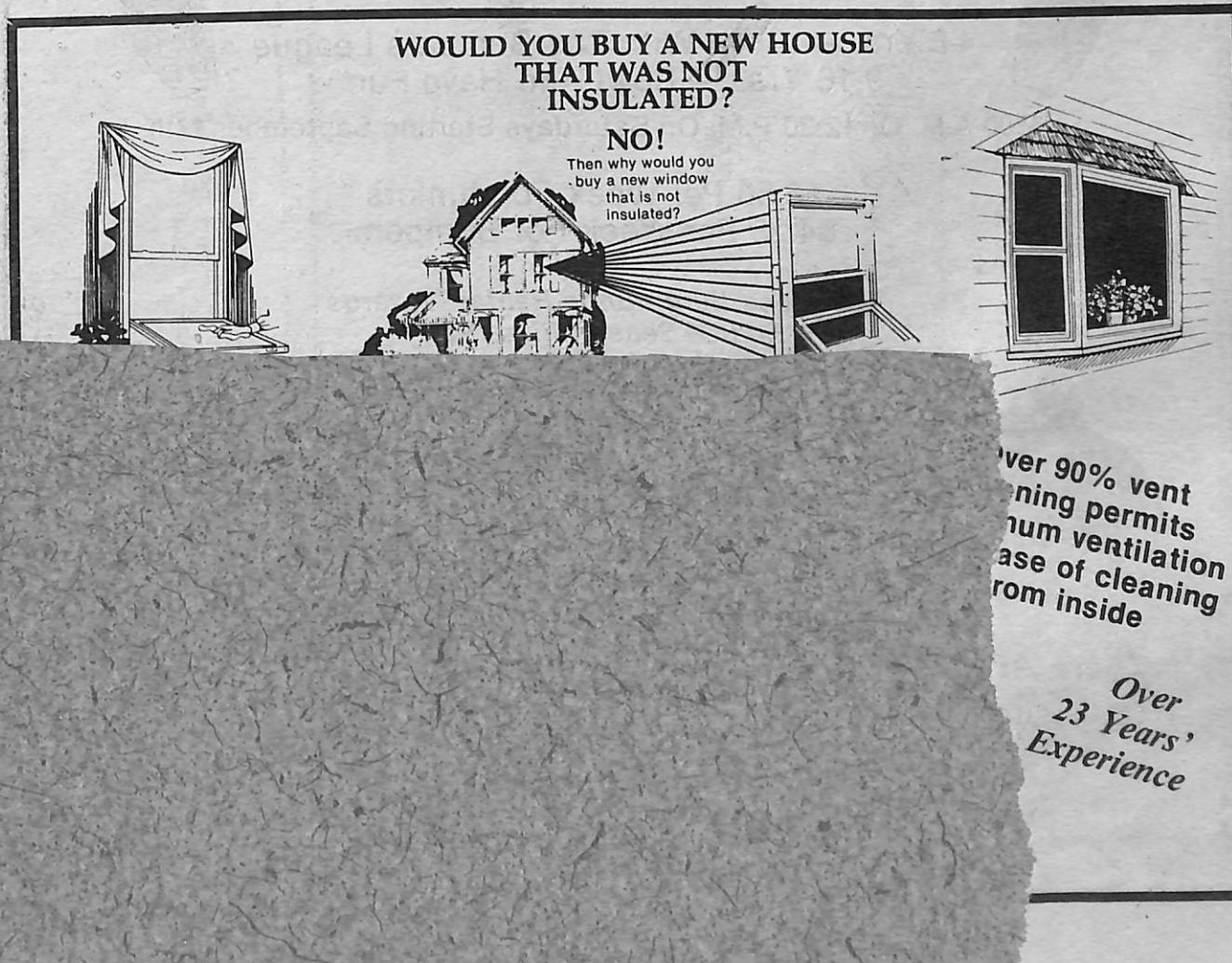
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by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Eating For Energy

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To maximize your energy level, follow these pointers:

- Bite into a breakfast that has some protein and starch ... like whole grain cereal and skim milk. Running out the door with just a bagel or a donut is better than nothing, but adding some protein foods will stimulate the brain's release of chemicals that make you alert.

- Drink coffee ... but only one cup. The caffeine can perk you up for a couple of hours. Too much caffeine may make you drag in the long run.

- Eat! Starving yourself means you're running on empty. You won't get far without fuel in your car ... or your body.

- Eat most of your calories at breakfast and lunch. The 100 calories in a bagel and 200 calories in a salad won't fuel you throughout your entire busy day. Try to get at least three food groups at each meal.

- Eat at least three meals a day. Most of us get hungry every three to five hours, especially if you eat lowfat. If you skip meals, or even snacks for some people, your blood sugar will drop and so will your energy.

- Drink water throughout the day. Dehydration can drain your energy. Keep a full, cool glass of water nearby. Sip it and refill it every couple of hours.

Nancy Dell is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills. For more information, call 413-786-2957.

Mentally Ill Group Plan Next Meeting For Sept. 21st

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts will hold its next educational meeting on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Marie Conference Center, Holyoke.

Topic of discussion will be, "Mental Health In Russia: System At A Crossroad." Featured speaker will be Dr. James Duffy, Department of Mental Health Area Director in Western Massachusetts.

Dr. Duffy recently spent some time in one of the three largest cities in Russia to observe the quality of care and treatment of persons with mental illness. Russia's system of care for persons with mental illness has been controversial and clouded.

Come and learn how Russia proposes to treat and care for persons with mental illness. A question and answer period will be held. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Better Breathers Group To Meet Sept. 28th

Better Breathers, a monthly pulmonary support group, will conduct its monthly meeting September 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital.

The group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy in conjunction with the American Lung Association, invites people with lung disease and their families to attend the afternoon of sharing and learning about living with lung disease. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (413) 748-9610.

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Consult Your Child's Pediatrician Before Heading For Emergency

It's Sunday evening and you finished supper about an hour ago. Your daughter comes in after playing outside for a while and complains that she's not feeling well and that she's dizzy.

You have her rest for a while, but it doesn't seem to go away. What do you do? Do you bring her to the Emergency Department in your town, or wait until the next morning to call your pediatrician?

The first step is to call your pediatrician, said Richard Gabor, M.D., director of Baystate Medical Center's Pediatric Emergency Service.

"Some parents don't realize that telephone advice is available from a doctor who is on call for their pediatrician or clinic on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week basis," Dr. Gabor said.

Except in the most urgent circumstances, it is wise to consult your child's pediatrician before you make a trip to the Emergency Department.

"But the ultimate decision on bringing a child to the Emergency Department is up to the parent," said Dr. Gabor. "We will never refuse to see any child in the Baystate Medical Center Emergency Department."

In general, a parent should seek immediate care for a child, without waiting for advice in the following situations:

- Severe difficulty in breathing.
- Unconsciousness, extreme lethargy, or extreme irritability.
- Seizures or convulsions.
- Anaphylactic reactions (severe allergic reactions to food, a drug such as an antibiotic, or to an insect bite or sting).

* Severe pain from any cause (a child with stomach cramps or a sprained ankle that may be broken will benefit from waiting for advice from the pediatrician; however, a child who is in severe pain from a badly broken ankle, for example, should be seen immediately).

* Large second-degree burns (characterized by blistering) or any third-degree burns (characterized by breakdown of the skin that is deeper than a blister; there may be charring of the skin, or the area may have a waxy appearance).

* Severe head trauma (a child who had a blow to the head and who has lost consciousness, or seems confused or lethargic).

Dr. Gabor suggests that there is some information you can gather before an emergency develops. An important suggestion would be to bring the above list to your pediatrician on your child's next visit.

Different pediatric practices may have very specific preferences as to how their patients utilize the Emergency Room, and not every pediatrician will agree with every item on the list," Dr. Gabor said.

Reviewing this list with your pediatrician will also give you a chance to discuss your child's own special needs in an emergency situation, especially if your child has a severe medical condition like asthma.

Dr. Gabor also suggests that it's a good idea to check with your insurance carrier before an emergency develops to determine whether there is an approval procedure for an Emergency Room visit.

Breastfeeding Advice For New Moms

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding.

Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding the best

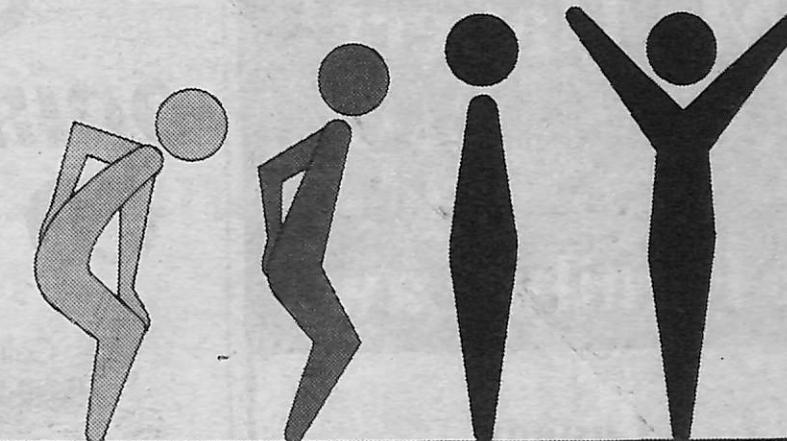
time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The third of a series of four meetings will be held on Monday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield.

"Increasing Breastfeeding Success" will be the topic discussed.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art Of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience.

Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information, call Teresa at 734-5922 or Jeanne at 739-7923.

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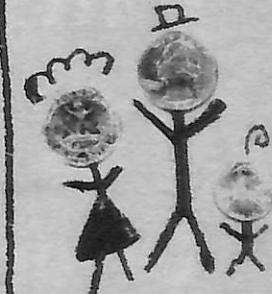
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M.S., S.M.C.

Although this sounds so ridiculously simple, the results of the survival breath can be remarkable. You also send a signal to your body to not get so stressed. Remember, it does not take much for any of us to go over our daily stress threshold. Don't let these "little people" determine your future, health, and mind-set! Also, read the "serenity prayer" often. It goes like this:

*"God, give us grace to accept with serenity
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change the things which should be changed, and
the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."*

UPCOMING PROGRAM NEWS FROM DR. SOBEL:

* STARTING OCTOBER 2ND (Sunday evening) and meeting for four consecutive Sunday evenings is Dr. Sobel's powerful program for adults titled "CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM and PERSONAL SUCCESS."

The class has no more than 10 adults and meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ... a great way to take control of your life (both at work and at home), and a great way to start your week! The program has been running for five years, and many AAN readers have benefitted.

Call 785-1259 for full program description and cost. Discounts are available. The program meets in West Springfield.

* Call 785-1259 for Dr. Sobel's late fall/early winter seminar schedule for programs that are open to the public!

* Dr. Sobel's very helpful audiotape titled "Dancing With Wolves - How To Deal Superbly and Creatively With Difficult People" can now be purchased for \$12.95, plus \$2.50 postage/handling (Massachusetts residents: add 5% sales tax).

Make check or money order payable to Dr. Steve Sobel and send to: Dr. Sobel's Special Tape Offer, c/o The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

(If you order two tapes [they make great gifts], the price is \$10 per tape.)

"Lost People" Center At THE BIG E Set By Two Hospitals

There's so much to see and do at The Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield that it is easy for fairgoers to become separated from their companions. This year, Mercy Hospital and Providence Hospital will help reunite friends and families through their sponsorship of the "Lost People Center" at The Big E.

The Lost People Center will be located across from the fair's fire station, on Hampden Street. There, people can post messages for their companions on the Message Center bulletin board, or receive help from trained Lost People Center personnel.

The Lost People Center offers these tips to prevent members of your group from becoming lost at The Big E.

Before leaving home

- Plan an itinerary - decide what to see, and when to see it.
- Make sure all members of the group are carrying some form of identification.

Upon arrival

- Locate the Lost People Center, across from the fire station.
- Pay attention to what everyone is wearing. Bright, easy-to-spot clothing is a good idea.
- Designate a meeting place and time. Pick a landmark familiar to all, and synchronize watches.

If someone is lost

- Go immediately to the Lost People Center. Often, other group members will be waiting there. If not, leave a note on the Message Center bulletin board, or ask the Lost People Center staff for help.

Describe the person, the clothing they were wearing, where they were last seen, and where they were supposed to be. Search teams will comb the fairgrounds until the individual is found.

For further information on the Lost People Center at The Big E, contact Mercy Hospital's Community Relations and Marketing Department at (413) 748-9704.

Take A Deep Breath... And THEN Proceed!

QUESTION:

Dear Dr. Sobel:

The world and the people who live in it seem to be driving me crazy every day! I mean this literally.

People who drive do not signal, they cut in front all the time, and often yell out obscenities when they pass you because you were not going "fast enough."

Any suggestions besides staying home all day like a recluse?

Thanks (and I enjoy your column)
D.M. - Agawam, MA

ANSWER:

Do you think there is a conspiracy against you from other drivers? It sounds like you think there is, but let me assure you there isn't!

Lousy and discourteous drivers abound all over, and we all can fall victim to the anger and frustration they help us build up within ourselves. It is time for you to take control! You need to take a deep survival breath (in through the nose and out through the mouth) when you feel your emotional temperature rising.

Then ask yourself the rational question: Is what I impulsively feel like doing going to be worth it in the long run? This is an important question because it helps redirect your emotions and lets YOU decide what your next step or action is.

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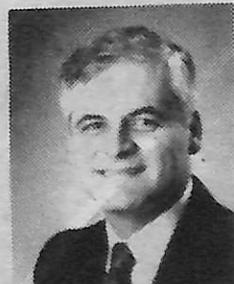
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“Season Of Surprises” In Store For Springfield Symphony In 1994-1995

Tickets are now on sale for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's *Season of Surprises* that will be launched on Saturday, October 15th, by Paul Lustig Dunkel, the first of the “Final Four” candidates for the position of the SSO's next Music Director. The other “Final Four” aspirants are Neal Gittleman, December 10th; Mark Russell Smith, February 11th; and Peter Bay, March 11th.

Tickets are available for performances throughout the entire season and can be purchased at the Symphony Box Office, which is located at 75 Market Place in downtown Springfield (behind Johnson's), or are available by phone by calling (413) 733-2291. All concerts (except for the Sunday performances) will begin at 8:00 p.m. in historic Springfield Symphony Hall. Single-seat prices range from \$6 to \$32.

Surprises

“We are calling this year the *Season of Surprises* because of the excitement that will be generated by the ‘Final Four’ who are vying to fill the chair of former Music Director Raymond Harvey,” said SSO Executive Director Susan Davison. The popular Harvey resigned at the end of last season to pursue other interests.

“This year, in addition to the ‘Final Four,’ we are planning an opening-night gala with a surprise ending; Pops concerts with jazz saxophonist Ernie Watts and conductor-pianist Peter Nero; our first Mother's Day family concert; and the celebration of the Springfield Symphony Chorus's 50th anniversary,” she said. Another surprise will be the November return of Raymond Harvey to conduct the orchestra and chorus in a sizzling performance of Puccini's opera, *La Boheme*.

Opening night on October 15th with Maestro Paul Lustig Dunkel will feature the Symphony's own Principal Oboist Fredric Cohen performing Strauss's *Oboe Concerto*. The concert is sponsored by American Saw & Mfg. Co. Following the performance, the SSO will host “Taste of the Symphony,” a dessert reception open to all.

Capping on the success of last year's acclaimed sold-out performance of *Carmen* in Symphony Hall, the Symphony will bring established singers from the Metropolitan Opera to collaborate with Raymond Harvey and the Symphony Chorus in a semi-staged production of Puccini's familiar *La Boheme*, to be sung in Italian with English subtitles, on Saturday, November 12th. Soprano Kaaren Erickson and Tenor Jon Garrison will sing the roles of Mimi and Rodolfo. The evening will be presented by Mass Mutual.

The second candidate of the “Final Four,” Neal Gittleman, will lead an event worthy of an evening in Leningrad as the SSO presents an all-Russian

program on Saturday, December 10th. A program of Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and Rimsky-Korsakov will challenge the acoustics of Symphony Hall with guest pianist Sergei Edelmann. The evening is co-sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand.

1995

February 11, 1995 marks the appearance of the third finalist, Mark Russell Smith, and the outgoing, dynamic pianist Awadagin Pratt, complete with “dreadlocks.” Beethoven lovers will enjoy a special double program as Smith and Pratt will be presenting Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7* and *Piano Concerto No. 4* co-sponsored by Fleet Bank.

The fourth and final music director candidate, Peter Bay, will conduct the SSO Saturday, March 11th, with a guest performance by the youthful new star of classical music, 16 year-old Jennifer Koh. Jennifer was the first winner of the South Hadley-based Musicorda string competition at the age of 11.

A special 50th Anniversary recital of the Symphony Chorus will be held on Sunday, March 26th, in Symphony Hall at 7:30 p.m. Lucinda Thayer will direct the 100-voice ensemble in Beethoven's *Mass in C Major*. The chorus is comprised of voices of all ages from towns throughout the region.

On Saturday, May 6th, Maestro Harvey will return a second time to conduct the orchestra and chorus in an electrifying performance of Orff's choral masterpiece, *Carmina Burana*. Metropolitan Opera Star Erie Mills will sing the lead role in the production. At the time of its completion, *Carmina Burana* was considered controversial and exposed the excesses of the status quo. The evening's sponsor is the *Union-News* and *Sunday Republican*.

Prior to each classical concert at 7:00 p.m., a free *Words on Music* talk will be held in Old First Church, across from Symphony Hall in Court Square. Season subscriptions for the classical and pops series are still available at the Market Place Box Office priced from \$20 to \$171. Subscribers are eligible for special privileges and receive dining discounts at selected downtown restaurants.

Opening Pops

West Coast-based reedman Ernie Watts will perform with his saxophone in a program called “All That Jazz” on Saturday, October 29th. The swinging evening will be guest-conducted by Boston Pops Assistant Conductor Ronald Feldman, who charmed SSO Westfield audiences last summer. The retrospective jazz evening will

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Picture Of President



JEANNE CARNEVALE, a resident of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (East Building), enjoys oil painting and recently painted a portrait of President Bill Clinton. She is presently awaiting a response from the White House and hopes to personally meet the President in the near future. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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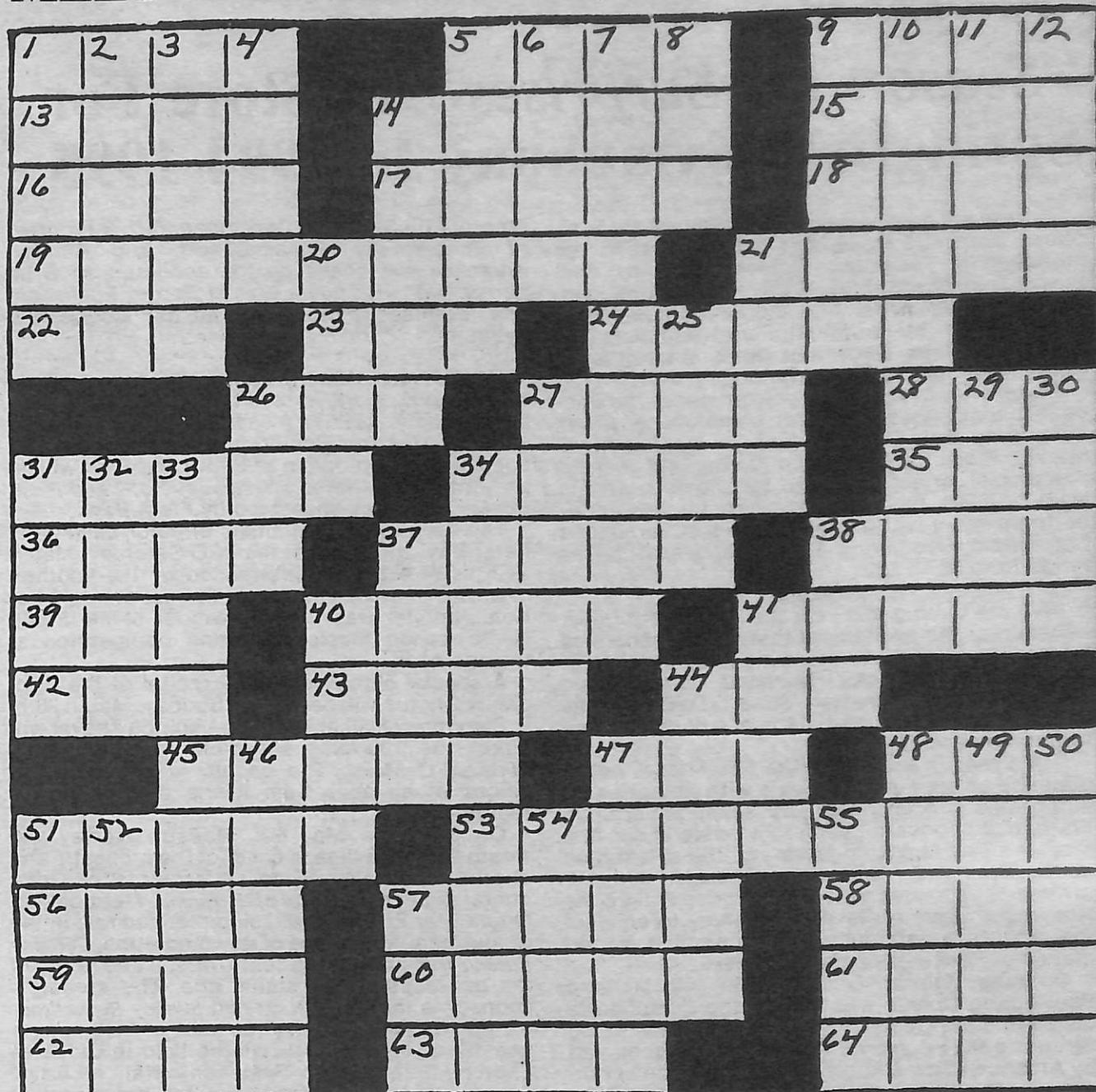
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also feature excerpts from a new folk opera by the black composer, Walter Robinson. The concert is co-sponsored by Balise, Lexus, and Filene's, and the radio media sponsor is WRNX-FM 100.9.

Sounds of the winter season will fill the hall as Guest Conductor John Whitney and Symphony Chorus Director Lucinda Thayer work together with the orchestra and Symphony Chorus to present the joyous music of the holidays on Saturday, December 17th, at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, December 18th, at 3:00 p.m. These traditional holiday concerts are co-sponsored by Health New England and NYNEX.

Guest Conductor John Whitney returns Saturday, March 18th, to show his skills on the piano with a selection of popular favorites dedicated to "Swing into Spring." The concert is sponsored by Milton Bradley. The radio media sponsor is WHYN AM/FM.

Well-known popular conductor and pianist Peter Nero will return to Springfield to lead the Pops's finale on Saturday, April 22nd, in a program of Broadway and Hollywood Show Tunes. The Pops concert is sponsored by Mass Mutual, and radio media sponsor is WMAS AM/FM.

An entertaining production called Peter Vs the Wolf presents a new twist to an old story on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th, at a special time of 3:00 p.m., introducing SSO audiences to its first Family Concert. The story will receive a humorous new treatment that is relevant to today's modern audiences.

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Education

School Dept. Says Budget Cut To Bone...

School Budget Falls Under Heavy Axe With New Cuts

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite an overall increase of \$700,000 in school spending for the coming academic year, 27 of the 30 departments making up the School Budget have been hit with drastic cuts in the original \$17,098,521 spending plan accepted by the School Committee last spring.

According to a report prepared by Associate Superintendent Donald J. Charest, the increase in spending mandated by the Education Reform Act will be eaten up by the 4.5 percent salary increase and increases in transportation and tuition costs.

At its August 23rd meeting, the School Committee approved an amended spending plan that will result in most departments having less to spend this year as compared to last year.

Textbooks, computers, and equipment for technical education have all been erased from the budget as well as most requests for new furniture.

There will be a severe reduction in school supplies, art supplies, and library books.

Charest said he reviewed the budget line by line before making the cuts, taking into consideration which schools and departments had most recently been able to purchase new equipment or supplies.

Ultimately, it came down to eliminating all but the essentials, such as workbooks for the elementary schools and food supplies for the home economics programs.

Among the litany of items getting the ax: dissection specimens for Agawam High School anatomy students; the Rhinehart Associates handwriting program for elementary school students; bus I.D. cards for the Junior High and AHS students; and replacement utensils for the Home Economics Programs.

"I couldn't overlook the smallest item. I had to look at it from a global view," Charest said.

Impossible To Catalogue Specific Cuts

Charest said that while the principals and department heads have been asked to prioritize and adjust their budgets to meet the new totals, it is impossible to catalogue each specific item that will be cut.

"As the year goes on, they'll have to decide what they're going to do without," Charest said.

Although he had agreed to attempt to restore funding for the Computer and Tech Ed. Departments to replace outdated equipment (at the request of School Committee members Teresa Kozloski and Roberta Doering), at presstime, Charest said, "As things now stand, it appears impossible."

Charest submitted a revised budget totaling \$723,604 in cuts from the regular education budget to reflect the \$550,604 cut by the Town Council in June, and the transfer of \$125,000 from the regular education budget to Special Educa-

tion. An additional \$48,000 was cut for salaries, grant-writing, and increased telephone costs.

At the July 12th meeting, the School Committee directed Charest to submit a new budget request for the Special Education Department that would reflect a more realistic estimate of what the actual costs for the year would be.

In previous years, Special Education had been underfunded with a resulting freeze on all non-salary accounts in the school budget each spring. Funds would then be transferred out of the other School Department cost centers to make up for the Special Education shortfall.

School Committee members have perennially complained that the practice left principals and department heads with no clear idea of how much of their budgets they would get to spend. Moreover, this practice produced a budget that did give a clear indication of the amount spent on Special Education.

Despite the crippling cuts in the school budget, Charest remained optimistic for a successful academic year.

"I really feel there's something special about educators. When things are down, they work together to get things done. There will be teachers in the classrooms. There will be books on the students' desks and they will learn," Charest said.

Parents & Athletes Told Athletics For Winter & Spring At AHS Take Hits

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With nearly one-third of the AHS athletic budget cut, varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen athletes are facing a challenge no amount of practice can help them overcome.

Defending champions in three of the five tournaments they normally compete in, AHS wrestlers may not even be entered this year.

The ski team will not be able to afford its weekly practice session and the ice hockey team has had its five weekly practices cut to one.

There is no money to purchase new baseballs, softballs, and tennis balls required by Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules (supplied by the home team at each game).

Faced with more than \$720,000 in cuts to the School Department's original budget request, the School Committee approved cutting the Athletic Department budget from \$103,000 to \$66,500 at the August 23rd meeting.

Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney said the timing of the budget cut leaves funding only for the bare essentials—athletic trainer, insurance, and transportation for AHS athletes.

At the Annual Back to Sports Night held on Wednesday, September 7th, Miss McSweeney painted a dismal picture for the returning athletes and their parents.

The Athletic Department is starting out the new year with virtually all its money already spent.

"The timing is what killed us," Miss McSweeney said.

Fall Sports Not Affected

Because the Athletic Department must plan its

spending one season ahead, fall sports will not be affected by the cuts, Miss McSweeney said. New uniforms, equipment, and supplies were ordered in June at a cost of \$15,000, leaving fall sports in good shape.

However, winter and spring sports have been hit hard by the loss of the \$36,500 sliced from athletics in August.

Loss of funding for skiers and ice hockey players has led to concern for the safety of the athletes. The participants will be competing against teams with the training and conditioning that is gained from regular practice, Miss McSweeney said.

Alan Trauschke, President of the Agawam Ski Parents booster club, brought a plea for the restoration of funding for the skiers' practice sessions to the School Committee at the Tuesday, September 13th meeting.

Trauschke pointed out that by its very nature, skiing is a very technical sport requiring training and practice for the skiers' safety.

"Without proper training, there is a potential for serious injury," Trauschke said. "Before any other funding is handed out, we're here to say we need your money."

Trauschke likened his position to "a captain of a ship with no crew."

Preparing for his fifth year as the girls' varsity ski coach, Junior High Tech Education Teacher Jim Graveline is looking to the parents for support

in finding the funding necessary for his 15 team members to continue to compete on the slopes.

"We have to find a way to have practice. We can't put kids on the hill without practice," Graveline said.

Stressing the technical aspects of skiing, boys' varsity ski coach Glen Olsen agreed that practice was essential to hone the timing and movement skills involved in racing down a mountain on a pair of skis.

"The parents' groups are good clutch players," Graveline said, relying on the "tremendous support" parents provide to the athletic program to make up for the budget crunch.

Possibility Of Just Dropping The Sport

"I've had parents approach me with safety issues and the possibility of just dropping the sport," Miss McSweeney said.

Miss McSweeney said she would have considered all options, including user fees, if she had known of the magnitude of the cut in her budget sooner.

"I would never have purchased new uniforms. I would have used that money so the kids (skiers and ice hockey players) could practice. The important thing is to have the kids participate. It's just not safe and it's not fair to them," Miss McSweeney said.

The Athletic Department at AHS offers 14 sports played at three levels. Altogether, 536 athletes (some play more than one sport) participated last year.

AHS Band Parents Have BIG E Shuttle

On the three weekends of The Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for The Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 17th and 18th, 24th and 25th, and October 1st and 2nd. Shuttle buses will run continuously between the High School parking lot and The Big E, beginning at 8:00 a.m. All Agawam routes will be marked in brown.

The last shuttle will leave The Big E at 10:00

p.m. Parking will be \$4. This convenience to the fairgoer is provided by The Big E and PVTA. The shuttle charge is \$2 per person, round trip.

For those fairgoers parking at the High School, weekend discount tickets for The Big E will be available at a cost of \$6. Discount tickets are available upon payment of the parking fee. There will be no parking at the High School during the week. Parking is only available on weekends.

With discount tickets, a family of four realizes savings enough to buy that one special Big E treat. Fairgoers who used shuttle parking last

year remarked over and over on how convenient it was.

All of the proceeds received through parking fees will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band program. Patrons are encouraged to use the shuttle parking. Avoid the hassle of weekend traffic and high-priced parking. Park at the High School, leave the driving to someone else, pick up discount tickets, and benefit the award-winning High School Band; all at the same time.

Picnic, Awards Ceremony Ends Camp Rainbow



BEFORE THE END OF THE SUMMER, Camp Rainbow, the town's summertime special needs camp, held a Family Picnic at Robinson Park School. IN LEFT PHOTO, counselor Todd Boskiewicz helps with the hot dog detail. IN RIGHT PHOTO, picnickers are ready to sample some of the tasty treats that were available to eat. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



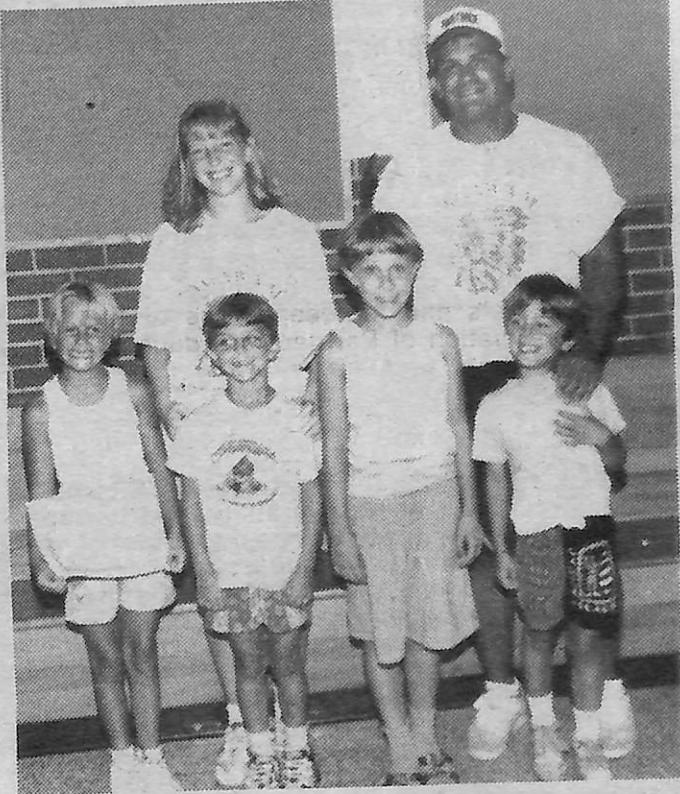
CAMP RAINBOW COUNSELORS AND CAMPERS are about to enjoy the Annual End-Of-The-Summer Picnic last month. Back row - counselors Mark Turgeon, Kristin DiLizia (assistant director), Melissa Murphy, Karen Modzelewski, Joe Thomas, and Nicole Blais. Front row - Jered Sasen, Amanda Leopardi, Greg Donaldson, Scott Castle, Billy Bertrand, Augie Gamelli, Ian Parent, Bryant Cesan, Jennifer Bittner, and Doug Walter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Preschoolers Can Attend Storytime

Agawam and Feeding Hills preschoolers aged 2 1/2 to five and a parent or guardian are invited to an evening storytime celebrating National Honey Month.

Join on Tuesday, September 27th from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. as the Agawam Public Library shares books, music, filmstrip, food, and fun. These programs are designed with parents' 9:00 to 5:00 schedules in mind.

Please register by calling 789-1550 or stopping by at 750 Cooper Street.



AT CAMP RAINBOW'S AWARDS CEREMONY, counselor Michelle Kowaleski and Frank Moccio (coordinator of Special Olympics) are pictured with campers Amanda Leopardi, Scott Castle, Jennifer Castle, and J.J. Lepianka. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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School Department Forms Alliance With Agawam Chamber Of Commerce

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On their first day back to work, Agawam's teachers heard some good news and some bad news.

The bad news: a massive cut in the School Department's budget will once again challenge their creativity and ingenuity in delivering the best educational experience for their students.

The good news: eight mini-grants of \$250 will be awarded this year to help educators explore new techniques and develop educational projects in their classrooms.

At the teachers' Annual Back To School Meeting on September 1st, Curriculum Review Chairwoman Ann Favreau announced the creation of the Agawam Public Schools in Partnership with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

The cooperative effort between the School Department and the Chamber of Commerce will offer Agawam educators a total of \$2,000 to fund innovative classroom projects.

Funded with matching dollars from the Chamber of Commerce and the School Department, the partnership will award four mini-grants of \$250 in the fall and again in the spring.

Chamber of Commerce President Kurt Welker told the teachers, "We want you to know you have our support. We look forward to a productive partnership with you."

As Chairwoman of the Chamber of Commerce Business-Education Committee, Rita Ducharme said the business community was enthusiastic about the partnership program.

"We have been looking into the idea of partnership with education for some time now," Mrs. Ducharme said.

A Year In The Making

"We'll see how things go this year," Welker said. "Hopefully, next year we can do more."

According to Mrs. Favreau, the Community Resources Sub-Committee of the curriculum review process has spent nearly a year looking into ways to match the resources available in the community to the needs of the school system (and to deliver those resources to the schools).

Meeting with teachers, business, and community leaders and representatives of the National Association of Partners in Education and the Massachusetts Association of Partners in

Education, the sub-committee members soon became aware of many resources available to enhance the educational goals of the school system.

Very early on, it became apparent to the committee that their goals could best be met by proceeding in two separate stages.

However, Mrs. Favreau warned, "An organized plan facilitated by a paid coordinator is tantamount to ensure success."

In addition to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (School Committee chairman), and Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder, the board will include Peter Forastiere, chairman of the Council on Aging; Rita Ducharme of the Chamber of Commerce; Sylvia Deliso, Middle School librarian and a member of the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Historical Society; Mrs. Favreau, and parents Susan Dempsey and Judy Lavin.

As part of its mission statement, the Agawam Partners in Education, Inc., pledges to "promote educational goals; support students and staff in the learning environment; foster community awareness and involvement; and enhance students' sense of citizenship and participation in the business, political, and cultural life of the community."

The Partnership with the Chamber of Commerce is the first step in cementing the relationship between the business sector and the school system.

According to Mrs. Favreau, the turn-around time between the deadlines for submitting grant proposals and the notification of grant recipients was deliberately kept short. "We want to keep the momentum going," Mrs. Favreau explained.

October 7th Deadline

The deadline for the fall grants is October 7th and the grants will be awarded on October 21st, while the spring grants can be applied for until January 20th (with the winners being announced on February 3rd).

Hoping for a large number of applications, Mrs. Favreau said, "We want to show the Chamber and the community there is a lot of educational interest in doing something special for the children. That's the bottom line."

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 19th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & Italian dressing, chilled sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday, September 20th: Hamburger in roll, mustard, relish, catsup, steamed parsley rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, September 21st: Meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned green and wax bean medley, Italian bread & butter, chilled pears or raspberry jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, September 22nd: Oven roast turkey with gravy or whipped potatoes, seasoned peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, chilled cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Friday, September 23rd: Tuna salad sandwich in roll with lettuce, 1/2 baked potato, chilled pineapple tidbits or peanut butter cookie, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

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Parents Again Told About Bus Safety Rules

Riding to school on the traditional yellow bus is an exciting activity for a new student, but parents should stress safety from the beginning, says the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley (AAA).

Although more than 22-million people nationally ride school buses each day, being transported to school generally poses few dangers.

However, the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley warns it is not completely without risk. During the 1991-1992 school year (the latest national statistics available), an estimated 110 persons—including 35 pupils—were killed in school bus accidents. Another 8,300 students were injured.

Knowing where to stand and being alert to traffic while waiting for the bus, behaving while riding it, and exiting safely can make an important difference in a student's life.

"As you'd expect, students are injured most often when the school bus approaches or leaves a loading area," said Francis J. Maloney, Jr., General Manager of the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley. "Incidents usually occur when children near the bus move out of the driver's line of sight. This might happen when they bend down to pick up a dropped article, walk behind the bus, or where they can't be seen by the driver."

To ensure that the ride to and from school is as safe as possible, Maloney offers these safety tips for parents of first-time school bus riders:

- * Make sure the student leaves home early enough to arrive at the bus stop on time.

- * See that your child waits for the bus in a safe place well off the roadway and remains quiet and orderly. Remind him or her that horseplay can cause someone to fall or be pushed into the path of the bus or another vehicle.

- * Tell youngsters to remain seated while the bus is in motion.

- * Stress the importance of keeping aisles clear at all times. Bookbags or lunch boxes should never be left where someone might trip over them.

- * Make sure your child knows the dangers of throwing things inside the bus or out the window. An object might hit the school bus driver or another motorist who might lose control and cause a collision.

- * Let children know the importance of keeping their head and arms inside the bus at all times.

- * When exiting, remind students to avoid snagging backpack straps, drawstrings, or loose clothing on bus handrails. If they need help to cross the street, tell them to do so well in front of the bus where the driver can see them. This way, there's a good chance the driver can see them, too.

Maloney also has tips for motorists who drive through school zones or on roads with school buses:

- * Obey posted limits in school zones.

- * Be alert to directions from school crossing guards.

- * When a school bus is loading or unloading children, motorists must stop and remain stopped until warning signs are deactivated (except when approaching from the opposite direction on a divided highway).

- * Stay back at least four to six seconds when following a school bus.

For further information, contact the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley, 150 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089-1351, (413) 785-1381.



MARY FLEURY, her daughter, Beth, and friend Amy Roy are all from Agawam. They are standing with AIC President Harry Courniotes at the Welcome Cookout.

Agawam Residents Attend Annual Orientation At American International

American International College's Orientation turned into a family celebration when incoming students and their family members gathered at the Welcome Cookout, September 4th, marking the start of a new school year.

AIC's enrollment increased by 14 percent this year. More than 400 students arrived on the campus Labor Day Weekend for a series of games, educational and social events, September 4th-6th.

Agawam residents Beth Fleury and her friend, Amy Roy, attended the Welcome Cookout with Beth's mother, Mary Fleury. Roy and Fleury are Agawam High School graduates who both enrolled at AIC to major in nursing.

Orientation was designed to introduce students to campus life while they get acquainted with one another. This year's theme was "Beginning a Brighter Future."

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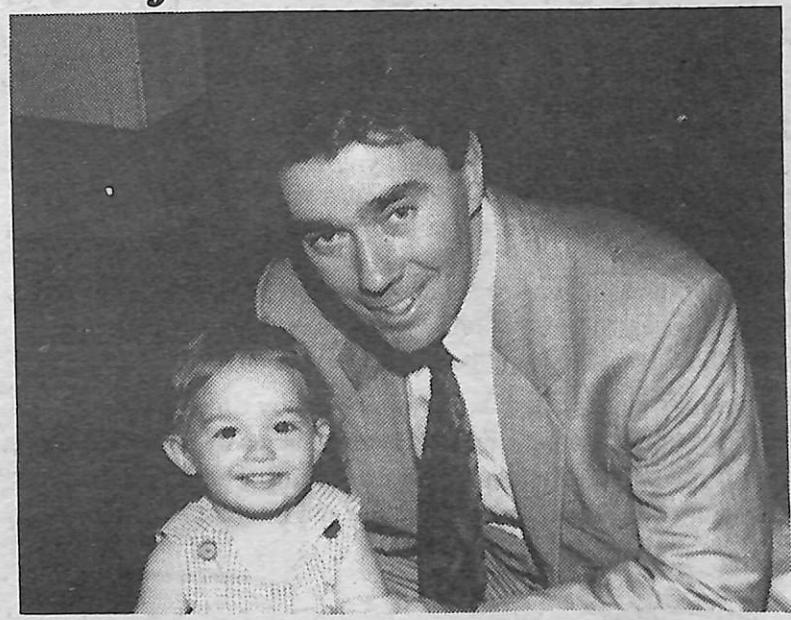


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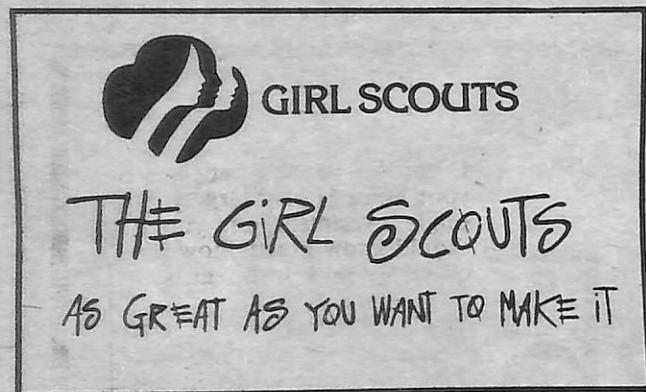
Camp Rainbow Holds Annual Special Olympics



THE BEAN BAG TOSS at the Special Olympics held at Agawam High School last month, sponsored by Camp Rainbow, the town's special needs summer camp. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAMP RAINBOW, the town's special needs summer camp, held its Annual Special Olympics last month at Agawam High. Pictured are Michael Gottardi, Heather Gearing (counselor), Laura Brown (counselor), Jen Stratton (counselor), Chantel Cudde, Amanda Richmond, J.J. Lepianka, Heather Peterson (counselor), Alex Smith, and Connor Dooley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Girl Scouting Is An Adventure

Girl Scouting is an adventure in learning and fun for all girls ages five through 17. From the youngest Girl Scout level (Daisies in kindergarten) to senior teens in high school, girls participate in many interesting and educational activities geared to the five Girl Scout Worlds of Interest: Art, Well-Being, People, Today and Tomorrow, and Out-of-Doors.

While working in a group situation with girls her own age, she will have a variety of experiences making projects, learning songs and games, going on trips and campouts, helping other people through service projects, trying her hand at decision-making, learning about different cultures, exploring a career, making new friends, and many more things.

By now you should have received an interest flyer home from your daughter's school to sign up for Girl Scouts. It is very, very important that both returning Girl Scouts and prospective new Girl Scouts fill out this form and return it to school (kindergarten through grade 4) as quickly as possible.

Grades five and six at the Middle School should mail the interest flyer to the address listed on the bottom of the flyer. If, for any reason, you do not receive an interest form, ask at the school office or call Margaret Bilodeau at 786-9083.

Adult volunteers are also needed in all levels of Girl Scouting to be leaders and co-leaders. No experience is necessary to help or lead a troop. A brief, free training session acquaints you with what you need to know.

Plenty of resources and on-going support are provided. Meeting times and places are flexible. They can be arranged around your own schedule. Whether you're the parent of a daughter in scouting or an interested individual from the community, adults find this to be a very productive and rewarding way to use their very valuable time.

If you think you might enjoy the opportunity to help guide today's girls as they grow into competent young adults, call Margaret at 786-9083 for further information, questions, concerns, etc.

Best Local News...



MORE CAMP RAINBOW SPECIAL OLYMPIANS - from left - Caroline Elkins, Kim Walsh (counselor), Anthony Bailey, Fred Stratton (counselor), Jessica Sasserone (counselor), Donald Manley, Michelle Ingalls (counselor), Joel Melendez, Andrew Turner, Jonathan Waters, Kelly Carmody (counselor), Megan Sellers, and Jonathan Fell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAMP RAINBOW SPECIAL OLYMPIANS include - Jen Bittner, Ian Parent, Jered Sasen, Amanda Leopardi, Scott Castle, Billy Bertrand, Bryant Cesan, Doug Walters, Augie Gamelli, Joe Thomas (counselor), Matt Wiernasz, Karen Modzelewski (counselor), Nicole Blais (counselor), Melissa Murphy (counselor), and Mark Turgeon (counselor). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Camp Rainbow's Special Olympics 1994



AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS, from left - Jennife Castle, Lina Cappacio, Nelson Camyre, Zach Parent, Michelle Ingalls (counselor), Kelly Carmody (counselor), and Brian Boyer (counselor). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAMP RAINBOW, the town's special needs summer camp, held its Annual Special Olympics at Agawam High last month. Special Olympians include - Annie Bianca (counselor), Michael DiMauro, Tommy DeLuca, Zach Parent, Lina Cappacio, Angeline Simone, Jennifer Castle, Jason Rossi (counselor), Matt Grych (counselor), Jessica DeGray (counselor), Nelson Camyre, and Michelle Urbinati (counselor). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Back To School Night At Ag. Junior High

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that a "Back-To-School Night" will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 26th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. where the evening's format will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms.

Then, at 7:00 p.m., parents of seventh and eighth grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Mr. Littlefield suggests that parents bring their child's agenda/planner with them to "Back-To-School Night," since its usage will be reviewed and it contains their child's daily class schedule.

He explained that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings. Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

According to Mr. Littlefield, the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. However, conference nights have been scheduled in the near future for that purpose.

Jr. High Part Of TV-57 Program

On Thursday, September 29th, 27 school teachers from 20 schools throughout western Massachusetts, including the Agawam Junior High School, are scheduled to gather at the studios of WGBY/57 in Springfield for a video conference to launch *Mathline: The Middle School Math Project* for grades five through eight, the first phase of PBS's educational service dedicated to improving the professional skills of mathematics educators and the math achievement of students.

Participants representing public and parochial schools from Adams to Palmer will hook up via satellite with their counterparts across the U.S. to begin an ongoing dialogue about issues critical to effective teaching.

The conference will introduce the teachers to the resources available to them through *Mathline*, including

- a series of videos to help them learn to teach math in newer, more innovative ways;
- and on-line computer access to other teachers and a mentor ready to support them in implementing the standards set by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), and to facilitate group discussions and activities.

Mathline, the nation's first telecommunications-based math service, is a direct response to the National Education Goal of making American students first in the world in math and science by the year 2000. WGBY is one of 20 PBS stations nationwide to take part in this first phase of *Mathline*, and the only site in Massachusetts and Connecticut to deliver the service to schools and provide needed support.

Local funding for the project has been provided by a \$10,000 grant from The Alice and Patrick Foundation which offers assistance to educators and students to enhance their academic achievements and fulfill their educational objectives.



GROUP 5 SPECIAL OLYMPIANS from Camp Rainbow - Joe Sparvari, Jennifer Vigue, Dennis Walters, Allan Sieracki, Kara Votzakis, Tommie Drewnowski, and Katie Farwell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAMP RAINBOW Special Olympians, from left - Andrea Michaels (counselor), Megan Sellers, Tracy Kellogg (counselor), Augie Gamelli, Matt Wiernasz, Ian Parent, and Stacy Smith (counselor) are ready for another event at last month's event held at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Sports

Girls' Soccer Scramble In Tough Division; Seeking '94 Identity

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Women's soccer, a rarity in other parts of the world, thrives in this country. Perhaps it's because there are so many good female athletes that want to get in on the thrill and the fire of athletic competition.

Therefore, many of them choose soccer. It shows in the great girls' soccer we have in Western Mass. It shows in the efforts of the Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team.

This year the team comes off a 10-7-1 slate in 1993, which is only fair for an AHS program that prides itself in being with the best in the region year after year. And in the division the Brownies compete, called the Coombs, they will have to put up or shut up quickly (maybe the division should be called "the tombs").

Top Teams In Coombs Division

Because if your team is not ready for this group, which includes defending state champion Cathedral, strong teams from Longmeadow and Ludlow (both Western Mass. tournament teams from 1993), and always-tough West Springfield, then you'd better be ready to pull the sod over your head and play dead.

This is where veteran Coach Bill O'Brien, now in his 13th season as the girls' soccer scion, finds himself. At presstime, he has a 1-1 slate in 1994. He fell to Cathedral (looking as strong as ever), 6-2 on September 8th in the season's opener. About this game, O'Brien said, tongue in cheek, "If we'd won, we would have had a parade."

The locals bounced back with a 3-1 victory over Springfield Central this past Monday night.

With those exploits in mind, O'Brien offered this look at the still infant season. He has no set offense yet. But he does have people who can run whatever he comes up with. He'll have to because he's already lost one of the best - senior forward Dina DeMarco, to a pre-season ankle injury.

Call In The Troops

Last year, DeMarco was a second team All Western Mass. performer and would be one of the top forwards in the area this fall. So, O'Brien will call on the troops to replace her. He does have some who can try.

Number 1, Cindy Alfano, a sophomore forward, will get a ring. O'Brien notes her strong suits - "good basic skills." Then he will send the slender, slashing junior, Sue Defilipi, into the fray. In her first two games, this gal had a goal and two assists.

O'Brien has more. Number 11, freshman forward Kristen Patterson, whose sister, Karen, was the all-time leading scorer for AHS girls' soccer, will be involved. According to O'Brien, "Kristen has a nose for the goal." Maybe that nose is in the genes somewhere.

Then there's number 22, junior Courtney Hyland, a midfielder who O'Brien lauds as "possessing the ability of whole field vision, when hooked up with ball control, can start out an offensive attack in a positive manner."

O'Brien also has left-side attacker Deanna Knodler, a senior, who will start the attacks. She can also fall back and play tough defense. Then O'Brien's face lit up. He mentioned number 15, sophomore midfielder Carrie Janik. "She gives me a whole game of intensity."

It's obvious O'Brien likes those individuals who'll sacrifice the mind and body for the sport.

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AHS FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Pencil This In Folks - AHS Looks Like '94 Grid Power

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They are big. They are high school good ole boys and they are experienced.

And this season, finally, they won't be pushed around. We're talking about Agawam High Football 1994.

A 4-4-2 club in 1993 that went out on a winning note by defeating rival West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day, the current Brownies hope to avoid the rack of injuries and fate that plagued them a year ago.

The fate part came against Cathedral when the locals got involved in a game they were supposed to win. But the Panthers' quarterback, Jim Cronk, had his father die a few days before the contest. AHS Coach Dean Vecchiarelli said the Panthers were too emotionally high for anyone to beat them that day. It ended in a wild 34-34 tie laced with controversy.

The Brownies also tied Westfield - another game they were supposed to win. The season could have easily gone 6-4.

So it went—an up-and-coming team up against it and another rather disappointing season was absorbed.

Makings Of Real Powerhouse

But go see their practices this pre-season. They have the makings of a real powerhouse in the AA Conference.

First, the locals have experience. Eleven seniors are returning. Nine of those on offense.

Let's start with the offensive line. Senior center Matt Disco is 6'1" 220 pounds. Senior left guard Mike Perry is the baby of the group at 5'11" 185 pounds. Right guard Matt Christy, also a senior, is 6' 225 pounds. Junior left tackle Derek Parker is 6'2" 240 pounds.

And coming in like the aircraft carrier anchoring the fleet is senior Jason Rossi at right tackle. He has pro-size - 6'3" 295 pounds. He benches 380 pounds. UMass, URI, and UNH have shown an interest in him. There certainly will be more.

So, who has the pleasure of chewing up real estate behind these horses? How about a positive thinker and a blue chipper? The emotional leader behind all that beefsteak is number 43, Martin Giroux, a senior fullback who weighs in at 175 pounds and stands 5'10" on the grass. He also plays a ferocious linebacker on defense.

Then there is this "other guy" who is in an elite class in Western Mass. in 1994. Senior Jason Votzakis, penciled in at 6' 195 pounds, should have a blast operating behind that line. Pencil in his speed at 4.6 for the 40.

And pencil this in for all those pencil-necked geeks who want to play defense for other teams in the AA Conference. Votzakis ran for 1,300 yards as a junior and scored 21 touchdowns. He had amassed over 800 yards as a sophomore. Holy Cross likes him, as do several other Yankee Con-

ference clubs.

Vecchiarelli, now in his fifth year at the helm, says of his bread and butter tailback, "Jason is so wide below the border and so strong, he just wears out the defenders. They finally can't tackle him anymore."

I'll go you one better, coach. Maybe, out of self-preservation, they just lose interest.

One offensive question is there, however. Sidewinder quarterback Dave Curley. He's been a two-year backup. Can the 5'10" 180-pound senior run the offense? He's looked pretty good in practice and in the pre-season scrimmages. That question will start to be answered up in always-tough Northampton on Friday night.

Secretaries Of Defense Look Good

Defense sees the Brownies almost as well off. They run a 5-2. Vecchiarelli says of this group, "They are all good athletes, not just good football players. And they play their respective positions with a great deal of enthusiasm. They have team speed. And they play a defense which isn't complicated."

The defenders are anchored by Rossi, Parker, and of course, Giroux at linebacker. Way back there in the defensive backfield, they also have good news. 5'9" 170-pound Jeff Harlin, a junior corner, is an outstanding coverage man who will be on the opposition's best receiver.

To compliment him, the other corner, senior Bob Magistry, at 5'10" 180-pounds, is a run defender and vicious hitter. One other note-senior strong safety Kirk Parker is 5'11" and 160 pounds and a defending Western Mass. wrestling champion. "He adds a bit of aggressiveness to our defensive backfield," Vecchiarelli smiled wryly.

The coach went on to say that the team this season will be conservative on offense. It will run out of the I formation using ball control as their main offensive weapon. With Votzakis and that line around, it may not take too long to score against teams that are easily pushed around.

Must Stop "The Big Play"

On defense, they look to stop "the big play," a plaguing malady for the Brownies in recent years. They will try to wear their opponents down with their size and strength.

"If you don't get behind, you don't have to worry about catching up," Vecchiarelli noted.

And he finally emphasized, "If they can stay away from the injury plague and anything fate might offer up, this team will be in the hunt for an AA Conference title."

The team's big tests, as usual, will come against Holyoke on September 30th; at home vs. Central on October 21st; and at home vs. Cathedral on October 28th. And don't forget Westfield - they are always in the Brownies' face.

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He also mentioned **Amber Conte**, a frosh, as a future "good one." Conte is being groomed to fill in at three midfield spots. He did emphasize, "Amber is not a starter. Yet." Number 20, **Brooke Hollister**, was also mentioned as a good one. She's a team captain who O'Brien says "never stops."

We turn over to the defense. And the first name that comes up is sweeper **Kristen Schmaelzle**, number 13, another senior captain. O'Brien calls her the "rock of defense." This gal is a powerful kicker who takes all corner shots and dead balls. She's 5'10" and a rock-solid four-year starter. And she's the best athlete on the team.

Then we get into some speed - the meat and potatoes of any defense in any sport. They are inflicted with speed merchants - number eight, outside back **Danielle Destefano**, a sophomore. She's small and tough and blessed with that speed that can help cover-up when mistakes are made; number 10, **Erica Schlaffer**, is a junior outside back who can play and play well; then there's **Alison Reseigne**, another junior who can play sweeper or stopper.

O'Brien is looking forward to the return of senior **Shauna Nacewicz**, a senior defender. She's been hurt for the first two games (twisted ankle, but she'll be back). Nacewicz is a two-year Baystate Games player. O'Brien says, "Her defensive abilities are so profound, she can save sure goals all by herself."

Now we get to goal. O'Brien had Schmaelzle in the nets for the Cathedral game but then turned to a tough little sophomore, **Melissa Troie** in the 3-1 win over Central High. On Tuesday, Troie went down in practice with an injured back but at press time it's not thought to be serious.

The offensive philosophy of this team, like that of all teams in any sport, is to score goals. O'Brien stays that course. He preaches even distribution to all his forwards and midfielders so they can attack the goal from a variety of angles.

But he emphasizes that the defense is the heart and soul of the operation. "They always try for a shutout," he notes.

And in the end, the offense and defense have to beat everyone in the intimidating Coombs Conference, to have a shot at a title. It will be a tough call for the Lady Brownies this season. Very tough. Only time and good fortune will tell whether this young team is up to it.

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AHS Boys' Soccer Seek To Move Up

by **Dave Rollins**
Sports Editor

Forget about that opening game loss to West Springfield last week, or the 2-0 Tuesday afternoon nosedive against Chicopee Comp.

If you follow the Agawam High boys' soccer team as many in this town do, you'll be as upscale and as upbeat as coach Dwight Northrup. He's in his second year as the main mentor of the boys' booters. And while he called last season's dismal showing (a 5-12-1 offering) a nightmare, this time around, he assures, will be a nice roll in that dusty grass and clover cover of the soccer field.

Northrup, a former pro soccer player, knows the game. He has 11 players back from last year's squad. That spells experience. To him, experience in a game that can be so fluid and complicated yet so dangerous, means all the difference in the world. Why? The seniors are the leaders. They know the complicated ropes to excellence.

Number 19, **Matt Bryant**, a defensive midfielder, comes to mind. Then there's number two, **Frank Fila**, a stopper back whom Northrup calls "as good a defender as there is in Western Massachusetts."

Of course, there's number 19, **Matt Bryant**. He's a midfielder who can play many positions. Add to them two more exceptional performers—number 13, senior sweeper **Todd Boskiewicz**, and outside back **Derek Poole** (number 21), a savage defender—and you have the core of a solid club. It might suffice to mention (and support the coach's claim of a good season) that these two made the Bay State Games West Soccer Team, which won the Gold Medal. They also led the Brownies to the finals of the summer league, where they suffered a bitter defeat at the hands of a bitter rival, Ludlow.

Underclassmen who'll figure big, according to Northrup, include number 11, **Mike Domain**. The coach says of this junior, "If he remains focused, this mid-fielder could be the best in Western Mass." Domain is in his second varsity year. Then there's sophomore **Chris Bitzas**, whom Northrup calls "a tough, smart defenseman."

Northrup also mentioned another force—his junior goalie, **Jeff Gaylor**. According to the coach, "If I asked him to run into a wall at full speed, he would." What more can be said about a kid like that, especially soccer goalies, who are spun out of a different cloth. My words, not the coach's.

The Game Plan

Now, let's get to the game plan. He'll use two people up top, not the usual offense of three forwards. He'll defend with seven and attack with eight men. His game, because he feels his players are that good, will be a creative one.

"Soccer," Northrup says, "is a game that demands creative minds." Perhaps that's why he also mentions that he will attack from deep in his backfield (as he did against West Side and Comp on more than one occasion), letting loose the elegant sweeper Boskiewicz to swoop in on the opposition's goal. It was exciting soccer. It could work. And they will defend first, then attack.

Make or break games this season for the Brownies; the coach mentioned three, then explained his rationale. "We have Chicopee Comp, Northampton, and Westfield." This year, they need a 50 percent won-loss record across the board or win their league (the Moriarty Division), which includes the three aforementioned teams.

As always, there is that proverbial "key" that all sportswriters grope for like a Pulitzer Prize. Unlike a lot of guys who'd just say, "We got a good ball club" and sound like some redneck coach from Stumptown of the Green Grass League, coach Northrup got a little closer to the red meat of the question. "This is the best group of kids I've ever worked with. They train hard and the key here is, they like each other. They will get better," he told us.

You're right. I can't end this piece without a down side. I would like to see a bit more intensity in their game. You can never get too confident. They will be good if they continue to work hard at being good. That really is the difference between a team on the verge of greatness and one that has to scramble hard for handholds to reach it.

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The Agawam Recreation Department's fall 1994 registration began on Monday, September 12, 1994, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please note that no registration was taken before Monday, September 12, 1994! All programs are offered on a "first-come, first-served" basis. No phone registrations will be taken.

Registration for both youth (must reside in Agawam) and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Agawam Recreation Office, located at the Agawam High School (right driveway, rear entrance—look for the signs).

All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be NO REFUNDS of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS, both AM and FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Youth Learn To Swim:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: October 1 to December 3, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (6 years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years).

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation swim staff.

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left-hand side of the school.

Youth Open Gym/Exercise/Basic Gymnastics:

This program is not a "high tech" gymnastics class. It is a blend of basic gymnastics, exercise, and open gym games with the emphasis on children having a structured fun time while burning off excess energy.

Session: October 1 to December 3, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (6 and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (4 and up).

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation gymnastics staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a first-come, first-served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers MUST be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the Junior High School.

Agawam Soccer Association:

A total of 70 in-town teams will kick into action beginning on Saturday, September 10th, and Sunday, September 11th, through Thanksgiving. Games will be played at all local fields. Thirteen Pioneer Valley teams will play at the Junior High, Middle, and Granger School fields.

The annual "Rick Parolo Jamboree" has been scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd. All games will be played at the Agawam High School fields. Ray Scott (786-9382) will serve as president of the association.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

Basketball Sign-Ups:

Sign-ups for the coming season will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This includes sign-ups for 6/7 instructional. All leagues will be run if registrations warrant. Watch *The Agawam Advertiser News* for any further details or call the recreation office.

Piranhas:

A competitive swim team which competes with the best teams in the area. Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Home meets are at the Junior High Pool.

For further information on all A.A.A. programs, contact Bob Hersey at 786-9729. For info on the swim team, call Steve Fox at 789-2425.

Agawam Youth Football:

This is a contact football league with two teams—junior division (4/5/6 grades) and senior division (7/8 grades). Teams from West Springfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee, Palmer, and other local cities/towns are entered. Home games (September 11th, 18th, October 16th, 23rd) are played at Memorial Field (Phelps School) starting at 12:00 noon. For further information, call Bill Biebel, President of the A.Y.F.A., at 786-3846.

Bay West Hockey Association:

The Agawam and West Springfield Hockey Associations have combined. Games will be played at surrounding rinks. Tryouts begin in September. For more information, call Paul Fenton at 732-5638, or Barbara Stevens at 734-4127.

1994 ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS

Women's Volleyball:

Session: October 3 to December 12, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym "B."

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office (limit of 20).

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

No program on Monday, October 10, 1994 / Must be 18 and over.

Co-Ed Volleyball:

This co-ed volleyball program is recreational. It is designed for fun and exercise with a swim period if desired. It is for adults 18 and over.

Session: October 3 to December 12, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym "A."

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office (limit of 20).

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

Men's Recreational Volleyball:

This program is recreational. It provides exercise, fun and competition. Must be 18 and over.

Session: September 21 to November 23, 1994 (10 weeks).

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School (main gym).

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

Men's Basketball League (Over 30):

This basketball league is for any male over 30 years of age. The "over 30" league is organized for both total teams or individuals who would like to be assigned to a team. For further information, contact the league commissioner, Peter Hanson, at 786-2355.

Games will be played every Sunday morning beginning on Sunday, October 30, 1994. Although this league is recreational, you will find the exer-

cise you need and the competition you are looking for.

Adult Open Gym:

Session: October 3 to November 21, 1994.

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School gym.

Registration: No required, but you must be a town resident.

Fee: \$2 per person, per night (pay the supervisor at the door). Please supply your own basketball/equipment.

There will be no program on October 10, 1994.

Civic Organization Gym & Swim:

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

Session: October 1994 through May 1995.

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym and pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Recreational Swim Schedule:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area.

Lifeguards will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool. ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 10 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

Session: Mondays - October 3 to December 12, 1994.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.

Registration: Not required, but you must be a town resident.

Pool Fee: \$2 per person / \$1 for children under six (pay the lifeguard on duty).

There will be no program on Monday, October 10, 1994.

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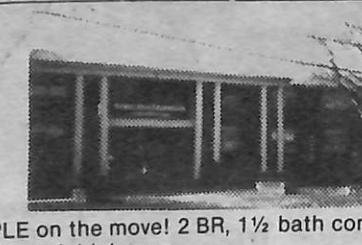
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|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
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| Prisby's Blue Bullets | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Kelley's Golden Girls | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Adam's Blue Jays | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Ruhl's Green | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Keenan's Maroon | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| UNDER 12 GIRLS | W | L | T | P |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Feeley's Bruisers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Spear's Green | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Obue's Gold | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Davilli's Maroon Machine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Douglas' Orange | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| UNDER 14 COED | W | L | T | P |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| DeFilipi's Royal Blue | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Shaw's Tigers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Cincotta's Green | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Cortis' Red | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Blair's Light Blue | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rennell's Gold | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Francis' Mustangs | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| UNDER 17 COED | W | L | T | P |
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| Brinn's Green | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Roy's Gold | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Shaw's Orange | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
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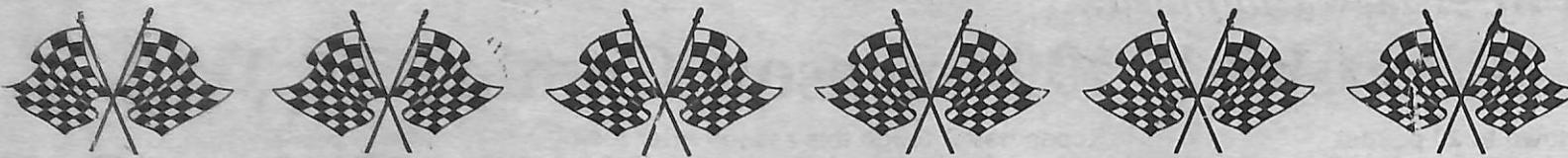
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Leading the presentation were the TQ Quarter Midgets, as **Donny Adams** came from deep in the pack to take the lead from **Johnnie Payne**; Payne is always a threat at the quarter-mile track, but he had to settle for second at the checker.

Rudy Boetticher also made several bids for the lead, holding off **Randy Verhoest** for third. Fourth was **Vernhoest**, and fifth was **Mike Tidaback**. Sixth through 10th were **Gary Conkling**, **Paul Verhoest**, **Robert Boetticher**, **John Vitale**, and **Bobby Walkins**.

The Legends event showed great competitive action in the eighth event of the 1994 season. With the largest crowd on hand to witness this Legends event, **Paul Hacker** nosed out **John Tripp** by six inches at the line.

Tripp, **Hacker**, and **Jags Palmer** swapped position lap after lap, then **Chris Ross** moved in to take third. Fourth was **Jags Palmer**, and fifth was **Karl Hacker**.

Rounding out the top 10 were **Jon Manafort**, **Greg Warzycha**, **Ray Scigawski**, **Dave Cimadon**, and **Jackie Arute**. (The Legends will also run on the following Saturday evenings—September 10th, 17th, and 24th.)

It was another new winner in the Pro 4 Modifieds—**Glenn Solomito**—in an event marred by **Tom Topping** rolling over down the front stretch. **George Ruff** was also involved in this accident with an ankle injury.

On Saturday, September 3rd, **Glenn's brother, Jerry Solomito**, lost the point lead, but he came back on Sunday night to finish second over **George Sherman**, **Ken Hirt**, and **Mark McLean**.

Sixth through 10th were **George Savary** (after mechanical problems), **Ron D'Alessandro**, **Mike Petrizzo**, **Dennis Routhier**, and **Jim Childs**.

Local Connecticut driver **Bert Richardson** won the Super Stocks, as **Ron Provencher** moved into second. Early leader **Rick "Bear" Charette** was third, fourth place was earned by **Keith Desantis**, and closely rounding out the top five was **Bill Goldrick**.

Sixth through 10th were **Mike Chaves**, **Ed Richard**, **Mark Wandolowski**, **Dave Mercier**, and **Lance Somes**.

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This coming Saturday, September 17th, going into the final point race, it's Chris Kopec leading Dan Avery by just over 20 points. Kopec has won two events and consistently finished up front; as for Avery, he is the all-time winner this season with seven wins for the Porter-Chester team.

At first glance, you would think that Avery had a "perfect" season with seven wins, but in actuality, it has been the week AFTER each win that has created a problem; it seems that every time Avery won, the following week something always happened to him while he was running up front—he got wrecked or a mechanical breakdown forced him out of the race.

As for Kopec, his season has been very consistent. Fact is, the two-time winner has been a factor all year long. Kopec is a natural talent; not only is he quiet off the race track and very focused on running and finishing, but his Mutual Ford/Flamingo racing car is there every week. Still, even

Kopec had it tough this season after losing a car early in the year, yet this team (point by point) moved into the point lead with just three weeks to go.

This Saturday, the 1994 Modified champion will be determined, and Chris Kopec and Dan Avery have worked hard ... but only one will get the championship helmet. At presstime, Kopec has 418 points, followed by Avery's 398. "The Reg"—Reggie Ruggiero—has 352 points, but he has eliminated himself from getting a shot at the title due to his missing last Saturday's (September 10th) event.

In fourth place in the Modified division is Steve Park with 336 points, followed by Brian Schofield (314). Sixth- through 10th-place are currently occupied by Stan Greger (294), Richard Savary (286), Doug Meservey (244), Ed Spiers (220), and Tom Jensen (212).

Dave Caruso has locked up his second back-to-back win in the Pro Stocks, thanks to his present total of 410 points. As of last Saturday, September 10th, Tom Carey and Tom Fearn are tied for second with 370 points apiece.

John Lobo is fourth at 366, and Eddy Carroll rounds out the top five with 266.

At 456 points, Gary Fioramanti has a 32-point lead in the Late Models and, thus, has secured his

title in this division. Gee Perry is second at 424, and Chuck Docherty has accumulated 398.

Coming in fourth and fifth place, respectively, are Ted Chalmers (348) and Glenn Griswold (328).

As a result of his 556 points (to date) for the 1994 season, Rob Valerio is also a two-time champion in the Strictly Stocks. Meanwhile, Roger Fujimoto is in second place with 472 points.

Chuck Alessio is the third-place finisher with 442 points, followed by Scott Neleber (410) and Vinnie Buonocore (396).

George Savary leads the Pro 4 Modifieds at 230 points, and Jerry Solomito is in second place with 206 points.

With 186 points to her credit, Renee Dupuis is the third-place finisher in the Pro 4 Mods. Rounding out the top five in this division are Ken Hirt (170) and Paul Lamonica (140).

This Saturday, September 17th, Riverside Park Speedway will be running another seven-division event featuring the tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, Strictly Stocks, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, and Legend cars.

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Bill Chaffee, Sylvia Crunden, Betty Plourde, and Sean Wood.

Chuck Alessio won the Strictly Stock feature with ease over Tom Dileo, Roy Houle, Rob Valerio, and Scott Neleber. The sixth- through 10th-place spots were earned by Matt Rokosz, Bill Rieman, Jay Miller, Vinny Buonocore, and Ken Marques.

Riverside Park Speedway's Standings (As Of September 10th)

MODIFIEDS

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Chris Kopec | 418 |
| Dan Avery | 398 |
| Reggie Ruggiero | 352 |
| Steve Park | 336 |
| Brian Schofield | 314 |
| Stan Greger | 294 |
| Richard Savary | 286 |
| Doug Meservey | 244 |
| Eddie Spiers | 220 |
| Tom Jensen | 212 |
| Bob Geetskas | 196 |
| Jim Houghton | 180 |
| Dave Berube | 178 |
| Bruce D'Alessandro | 158 |
| Brian Miller | 148 |

PRO STOCKS

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Dave Caruso | 410 |
| Tom Carey | 370 |
| Tom Fearn | 370 |
| John Lobo | 366 |
| Eddy Carroll | 266 |
| Barry Gray | 256 |
| Bill Lauridsen | 236 |
| Jeff Horn | 228 |
| Ed Carroll | 226 |
| Lou Prior | 222 |
| Scott Bouley | 212 |
| Dave Berube | 180 |
| Ted Hebert | 168 |
| Sumner Chapman | 156 |
| Jim Banfield | 136 |

LATE MODELS

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Gary Fioramanti | 456 |
| Gee Perry | 424 |
| Chuck Docherty | 398 |
| Ted Chalmers | 348 |
| Glenn Griswold | 328 |
| Fred LaForge | 314 |
| Martin Leary | 280 |
| Joe Czarnecki | 264 |
| Rick Hartenstein | 190 |
| Paul Dipisa | 174 |
| Gene McClain | 174 |
| Rocco Mazziotto | 170 |
| Steve Fifield | 170 |
| Brian Merchant | 162 |
| Wayne Coury | 152 |

RACING - from Page 57...

Alan Anacki in the famous BMW won the Mini Stocks with ease. Mike Patnaude was second over Dave Singer, Steven Powell, and Ron Mayette.

Rounding out the top 10 were Lee Kozikowski,

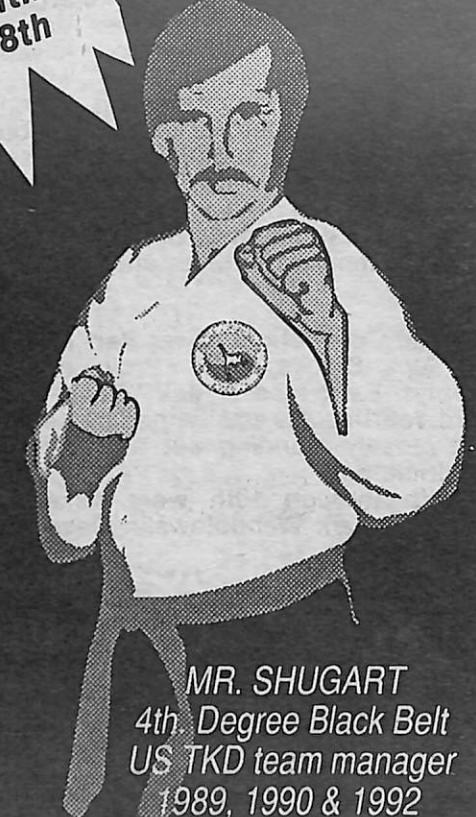
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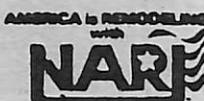
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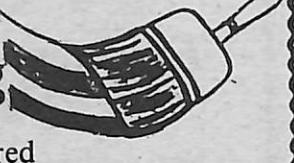
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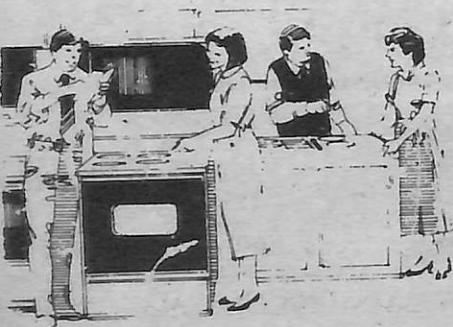
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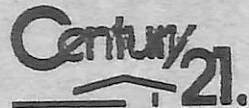
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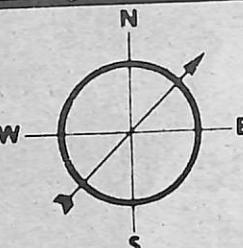
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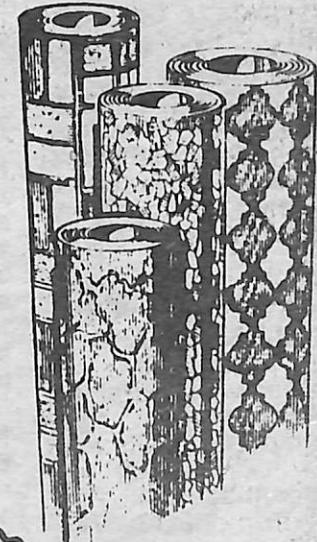
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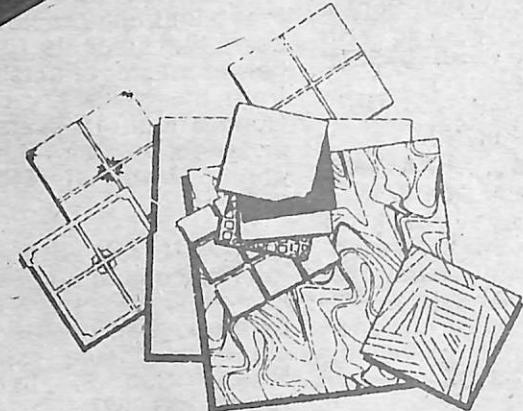
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